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Expanded curbside recycling now available in Bay

BY BRENDA O'REILLY

Effective immediately, Bay residents can recycle cardboard cartons (such as milk and juice containers) and plastics No. 3-7 in addition to plastics No. 1 and 2. Please place these items in your green recycle cart to be recycled curbside.

Plastic containers labeled with the recycle symbol No. 1 through 7 are accepted. The plastics must be food, beverage, soap, or detergent containers only – no plastic flower pots, plastic toys, etc. Containers should be emptied, no need to rinse. Caps should be removed.

The cardboard cartons accepted include milk, juice, soy milk, individual serving juice boxes, and chicken or beef broth boxes. The cardboard carton can be plastic or aluminum lined. Please remove

caps and straws. Cartons should be emptied, no need to rinse. These cartons are used to make recycled paper products and building materials.

In addition to plastic and cardboard containers listed above, Bay residents can continue to recycle curbside:

- Metals – aluminum, steel and bi-metal cans from sodas or canned food. Metal caps and lids.

- Glass – food and beverage bottles and jars only. NO window glass and NO glass from household items such as drinking glasses.

- All paper and cardboard – junk mail, office paper, paper bags, phone books, gift wrapping, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, clean pizza boxes, corrugated cardboard boxes and non-corrugated cardboard such as cereal and Kleenex boxes.

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'Community of Fine Arts' showcases 57 Westshore artists

BY LOUISE SEEHOLZER

The "Community of Fine Arts" will open on August 5 and for the second year in a row will set a record for the largest collection of works in its history.

This is the fourteenth year for CFA, a juried art show presented annually by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council. The show will be on display and open for public viewing through August 17 at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, during library hours.

Jean Povinelli, who chairs this event, said over 110 original works by amateur and professional artists were accepted from 57 artists. The works are one of a kind and have not previously been exhibited in this show.

» See CFA SHOW page 8



A moment of remembrance



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Luminaria light up the night on July 13 to remember and honor those lost to cancer, those fighting cancer and those who have beat cancer. The solemn candlelight ceremony capped a day of fun and games during the Westlake Relay for Life fundraising event.

Westlake Relay fights for a cure

BY AMY BREDIGER

All the hard work and time are over and we had a wonderful day July 13 at Westlake's Relay For Life. Games were played, raffles were won and music was enjoyed. Kids sweated their way

through the bounce house and others cooled off in the dunk tank. Overall, we made money and that was the main goal.

Unfortunately the turnout was much lower than we had wanted, and it breaks my heart for all the volunteers involved.

Everyone worked so hard and we threw a great party and honored survivors, caregivers and those that we have lost. As Event Chair I had high hopes of reviving the Relay so I can't help but be disappointed.

With all that said (and behind me!), we *did* raise

money, the survivor luncheon was a *great* success and the Luminaria Ceremony was thoughtful, sad and wonderful. Our track was lined with glowing bags with names of people we have lost, people fighting and people who have helped as caregivers. It was a beautiful thing to experience.

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A freehand ink drawing of "Clague House" by Mike Guyot is one of the clagues on display in the "Community of Fine Arts" show at Porter Library, August 5-17.

Bay educator Robert Kitzerow recognized by Bay High Class of 1960

BY MARGE WIDMAR

On Saturday, July 6, the walkway on the south side of Bay Middle School was dedicated "Robert Kitzerow Way." The dedication was attended by Mr. Kitzerow's daughters, Jackie and Leslie, and two grandsons, Joey and Josh Hoelscher.

Mr. Kitzerow, fondly known as "Kitz," taught mathematics, sociology, algebra, and trigonometry at Bay High School. He was also a popular varsity track and football coach. When

he retired from the Bay Village City School District in 1979, Mr. Kitzerow was the well-respected principal of Bay Middle School.

Bay High graduate Denny White, who led the dedication, was inspired by Buzz Van Almen, his classmate and close friend of Mr. Kitzerow, to solicit his class of 1960 to sponsor the creation of signage for the walkway to commemorate the popular Bay Village educator. He also presented the request for approval of the project to the Bay Village Board of Education.

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FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

If you haven't seen your friends for a long time...

BY TAEHO KIM

From June 14 through June 16, a Catholic youth conference was held at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, which is located about three hours away from Cleveland. This youth conference is one of the most famous youth gatherings in the country, with hundreds of Catholic high school students from various parts of the nation attending. I went to this conference and I feel fortunate to have been able to be part of the magnificent experience.

My church, St. Andrew Kim, applied to attend this event. Many of my friends decided to participate, and this conference was a perfect opportunity for us to see one another since many of us do not get together as often as we'd like. Most of us signed up for this reason, rather than for the programs offered – although they turned out to be surprisingly inspirational.

About 15 of us piled into the three cars and after an exhausting three-hour ride that made me car sick, we arrived on the university grounds with great anticipation. The Franciscan University of Steubenville is built inside a mountainous forest and fresh air filled the area.

We grabbed a quick dinner and

entered the field house of the university, where most of the activities were taking place. The field house was set up in a way appropriate for a music concert: a stage with drum sets and guitars, facing thousands of chairs and bleachers. On top of the stage was a band singing Catholic songs and on top of the chairs were thousands of students that were screaming at the top of their lungs from excitement.

I later found out that there were a total of 2,500 people at the youth conference. As I walked through the aisles to find empty seats for our group, I kept wondering how all these people could be so excited over Catholic songs that the band was performing. However, it was these songs that helped to make the weekend so memorable.

Over the course of the weekend, the speaking team, which consisted of four people, delivered their thoughts on life and Christianity. Some of the speeches made a deep impression on me.

One speech was delivered by a Sister. She played a TV advertisement from the 2012 Olympics. The commercial showed African children playing rugby in the rural fields and many other examples of people training and participating in a sport. The commercial was

by Nike, and the theme was “Find Your Greatness.” The purpose of showing the kids in Africa was to illustrate that anyone can be great at something and it is important to find that greatness.

When the video was over, the Sister grabbed a microphone and said that to God, everyone is equal and that God has given equal chances to everyone. Even though I already knew this, it reminded me that if I kept trying hard, great rewards would come later.

Later, the Bishop of the university delivered a speech, saying that everything that happens, whether it is good or bad, is for a reason since God has put us on earth for a purpose and all the events that happen will lead up to that purpose. I felt inspired that nothing bad can actually happen since God meant everything to serve that purpose.

After the weekend was over, my friends and I went home. We were all exhausted from the early wake-up calls and late curfew, so we all fell asleep in the cars as soon as we left.

This three-day experience changed me as a person. Although this was a Catholic religious camp, I recommend students my age to take interest in this kind of conference since it was not strictly religious, and numerous life lessons were taught, and inspirational speeches were delivered. Best of all, you'll get to see your friends.

Taeho Kim is a soon-to-be eighth-grader at Lee Burneson Middle School.

Uncover your internal detective at Unity Class

BY SHARON FEDOR

Think about the Bible for a moment.

Do your thoughts become mingled with confusion over the enormous amount of writing by different authors in this historically rich Book of books? Or do you think back to the Hollywood drama starring Kirk Douglas as Moses? Do you ponder over the interesting characters whose stories are told, like Samson and Delilah, Noah and his Ark, Elijah and his fiery chariot?

Or, are you the type of person who has a few favorite Bible verses memorized, like Jeremiah 29:11, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future of hope.” But beyond that – don't have a clue to really understanding this Holiest of Holies?

It may be time to uncover and empower your internal detective, and consider the metaphysical or symbolic meaning that you may have missed within the passages. If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then maybe it's time to take action and sign up for Unity Spiritual Center's four-week class, “Old Testament Metaphysical Interpretation” held Wednesday evenings, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting July 31 at Unity Spiritual Center.

Reverend Barbara Smith, minister at USC for the past 16 years, will be your chief detective.

A true Sherlock at unraveling the Bible's more difficult Scriptures, Reverend Barbara will teach you to seek and find passages, and not only uncover its more profound meaning, the layer deeper than just the words, asking, “What does this mean?” but “What does this mean to me?”

Yes, personalizing the meaning is important, because after all, it was written for you. There are no wrong interpretations, so don't expect to be preached at. You may discover it is more user-friendly than you ever thought possible, and its truth, a gift that has been waiting for you, and only you to unwrap it. This gift you give yourself may have a life-changing effect on the way you live your daily life. Your divine nature is being called into expression.

Unity Spiritual Center is located at 23855 Detroit Road in Westlake. To register, call 440-835-0400. Suggested reference materials are “Let There Be Light” by Elizabeth Sand Turner and “The Metaphysical Bible Dictionary” by Charles Fillmore. There is no fee, but a donation is gratefully accepted. The class will meet in the Spirit Room. Seek and ye shall find! Be sure to bring your Bible! ●

And the winners are...

BY KATE TATE

The judges have been out, the results are in, the winners' certificates are printed and framed – but you will have to wait until the award ceremony on August 7 to hear the winners of the 2013 Westlake in Bloom announced.

There were 87 entries this year in 20 categories. The judges use a point evaluation system to determine first, second and third place winners and honorable mentions in each category. Over the years, we feel that this friendly neighborhood competition has encouraged and motivated

residents and businesses to really work on their landscaping, to become more creative and try new plantings and designs. We all benefit from the Bloom program because it has helped make the city of Westlake a beautiful place to live, work and visit.

The 2013 Westlake in Bloom Award Ceremony is



Wednesday, August 7, at LaCentre, 25777 Detroit Road. Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the awards ceremony at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. ●

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- Aim for 300-500 words.
- 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 content if

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RECYCLING

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The curbside recycling was expanded by Republic Services as a result of an upgrade made at its Lorain County Resource Recovery Facility.

Bay's recyclable materials are picked up curbside each week and delivered to the Lorain County Resource Recovery Facility located in Oberlin, Ohio, where the materials are sorted and packaged to be sold to companies that will reprocess or use the recycled materials.

According to Republic Services, the redesigned facility can now process up to 150,000 tons of recyclables per year, nearly triple the previous capacity.

All technology in the facility has been updated. Recyclable materials are now separated using state of the art equipment which includes optical scanners (to identify different types of plastic) and magnets (to capture metal). The warehouse space to hold the materials once they are ready for sale has also been expanded.

The new system produces less than 10 percent residual waste, keeping more waste out the landfill.

The expanded recycling is available in any community that uses Republic Services for its recycling pick up.

In addition to Bay Village, this includes Rocky River, Avon Lake, Avon, and Fairview Park.



IMAGE COURTESY REPUBLIC SERVICES

Bay residents may now recycle cardboard cartons and plastics No. 3-7 in addition to other recyclable materials.

Bay Village recycling tips

- All recyclable materials MUST be in the green recycle cart to be recycled curbside. Cardboard left on the tree lawn will NOT be recycled and will only be picked up on bulk pick-up days. One option is to use a box cutter to cut up large cardboard boxes and place it in the green cart.
- Yard waste (including grass clippings) MUST be in a brown paper yard waste bag or in a waste container marked "Yard Waste Only." You may purchase

"Yard Waste Only" labels for \$2 at City Hall. Yard waste is delivered to Kurtz Bros. in Avon to be composted.

- Please do NOT bag your recyclable items when placing them in the green recycle cart. The contents of the bag will be recycled, but the bags themselves are difficult to recycle.

Please donate any usable items instead of placing them out for bulk pick up. A list of area charities that accept donations can be found at www.bayvillagegreenteam.org. ●

Why Recycle?

Recycling is an easy way to help reduce pollution. Products made from recycled materials use far less energy than products made from virgin materials. Recycling saves energy – lots of it!

Aluminum: 95% less energy

Plastic: 90% less energy

Paper: 40% less energy

Glass: 30% less energy

Source: National Geographic

Since the new curbside recycling and yard waste compost program was adopted in May 2011, Bay's landfill trash has decreased by almost 50 percent. In 2012, Bay recycled and composted 68 percent of total trash, which was one of the top recycle rates of the 59 cities within Cuyahoga County. More details can be found in the 2012 Residential Recycling Report, available on the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District website, cuyahogawd.org, under Publications.

WESTLAKE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

New fall baseball league forming in Westlake

BY JIM DISPIRITO

Fall is not just for football anymore. The Westlake Recreation Department is following that statement with the announcement of its new Fall Youth Baseball League. The league is debuting this year with three divisions: 11U, 12U and 13U. Games will be played on Saturday mornings starting at 9 a.m. and will feature old-fashioned doubleheaders each week. Each team will play six weeks or 12 games beginning on Saturday, August 24.

Just because the leaves are beginning to turn does not mean our national

pastime needs to end. MLB calls the World Series its "Fall Classic" so why not extend baseball past the traditional summer season here on the North Coast? The Westlake Recreation Department is looking for teams to enter as a whole for this season. The entry fee is \$275 for the season and will include all the game balls. Teams will then be responsible for umpire fees each week.

The City of Westlake has the ability to host a growing number of teams with the league utilizing fields at Roman Park, Clague Park and the Westlake Recreation Center. The idea is to allow youngsters the opportunity to continue to play baseball for an additional six

weeks against teams they may not ordinarily get to see.

In this first year, the league is taking both travel as well as recreational teams. In the future, separate divisions may be established. This year, the league is not taking individual registrations, however, players can leave their contact information and they might be able to hook up with a team in need of a player or two.

This league is open to any team from any city. For more information please contact Jim Dispirito at 440-617-4420 at the Westlake Recreation Department. The deadline to register teams is Wednesday, August 14. ●

BVEF Spotlight Series: Discovery Learning Area at BHS

BY JACQUIE MAYER

In November 2012, the Bay Village Education Foundation awarded grants to several innovative educators in the district. BHS physics teacher Ann Mowery, science teacher Eryn Sutterlin and Director of Curriculum Char Shryock received \$3,200 toward the creation of a Discovery Learning Area at Bay High. This outdoor learning environment will be constructed east of the retention pond, and accessible to all BHS students as classes will be able to make use of the space throughout the school day.

Ms. Mowery explained the versatility of this outdoor classroom, saying that it can be utilized for lessons in plant growth, astronomy, drawing and photography, and geographical mapping. It will provide amphitheatre-like seating for groups up to 36 and lawn seating for concerts, and will feature a walking trail and "tour of the planets." The space will allow for a bird sanctuary, perennial flower areas and moving art displays.

This exciting project also received funding from Bay High PTSA, Bay Village Kiwanis and the Bay Alumni Association. This outdoor learning classroom will be complete in two years, with the first phase being completed by the end of September 2013. ●

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RELAY *from front page*

Our final total is approximately \$24,000 and our goal was \$32,000. We came up short but we still have until the end of August to try and get closer.

The day was filled with amazing speakers. Our own Mayor Clough started the first lap with a wonderful talk, Dr. Bob DeMaria shared his nutrition ideas at



Former Bay Mayor Tom Jelepis addresses the crowd at Westlake Relay for Life's opening ceremonies.

our Survivor Lunch, Rev. Tom Madden led us in an inspirational prayer, former Bay Mayor Tom Jelepis shared his story of his fight and oncologist Dr. Jon Prescott talked to our caregivers, giving them hope.

Dr. Prescott also assured the group that there is always a doctor out there that will help them through their journey, and you must be completely comfortable with that decision. Do not settle and do not be afraid to keep searching for the right doctor for you. The speakers were amazing and I was proud to have them as part of our event.

All of this work could not have been done without our American Cancer Society partner, Holly Sajna. She was a tribute to The Cause; she lost her grandmother the day before our Relay and still came ready to make a difference and keep the event on task.

I thank my committee members, volunteers, my family, the companies and businesses that donated and most of all, I thank my dad. I thank him for the beautiful day, the money made and giving me the strength to keep going (especially seeing the low turnout). He was with me every second and I felt his guiding hand telling me to keep going. I needed it.

Congrats to all the survivors – I am honored to have spent the day with you and your families. It was such an amazing group of people that came together for the greater good.



Bill and Shirley Kasay of Westlake are cheered by the crowd as they complete the survivors lap around the Relay for Life track at the Westlake Rec Center on July 13 .

PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

I will end this article with the hope of a bigger and better Relay next year, a few months off of writing so I can reconnect with my family and a new vigor to make next year better. It takes a lot to get this girl down and I am up for the challenge.

Hug your family and you will hear from me several months from now with a date for next year. Be ready for more intense begging, pleading and groveling to get next year up and going!

All the best to all of you reading this and I look forward to getting back in touch after a much needed break. God Bless. ●



Rev. Tom Madden listens as Kailee Shaver sings the national anthem.

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WHS Shakespeare Club stages groundbreaking production

BY PERRY ELYADERANI

On May 18, the student-directed show of “Macbeth” adopted all of the key elements and maintained the integrity of Shakespeare’s piece while abridging it for high school actors and audiences. A groundbreaking precedent in the school, the show was the first Shakespeare full stage production ever done by the Shakespeare Club, which is entirely separate of the school’s drama club.

Complete with witches,

betrayal and murder, the show appealed to students and adults alike. It is only through popular support however, that the precedent set by this year’s actors can continue annually, as the operating budget of the show was less than \$200, and the club has not yet found a teacher to take over when the student director Perry Elyaderani graduates in 2014.

Shakespeare Club will do another production next year; the date and production has yet to be announced. ●



Justin Godfrey and Jack Wanhannen engage swords in the Shakespeare Club’s “Macbeth.”

Bay Days stand raises funds for HUGS Foundation



Chrissie Fahey raised money for the HUGS Foundation at her Bay Days kettle corn stand.

For the second consecutive year, Chrissie Fahey, of Kernels by Chrissie, donated proceeds to the HUGS Foundation at the annual Bay Days celebration.

“I am so grateful for her contribution”, said Dianne Vogt, founder of the HUGS Foundation. “Chrissie is a wonderful supporter of our mission to help families of chemically dependent young people throughout Northeast Ohio. Not to mention, she makes the best kettle corn around!”

The HUGS Foundation (Helping, Understanding, Gratitude and Serenity) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization celebrating its fifth anniversary this fall.

On Nov. 9, the HUGS Foundation invites you to attend its anniversary

dinner called “A Time for HUGS.” John Thomas, a caseworker dedicated to helping adolescents and families through the system, will be the honored guest. For details, call Dianne Vogt at 216-521-5568 or visit www.hugs4families.org. ●

POETRY

The Garden Gnome

by Dianne Borowski, Bay Village

Little garden gnome
Sitting on a shelf
Lonely little guy
Whispered take me home.

Sorry, little buddy
No garden do I own
A third floor walk-up
Is all I’ve ever known.

A little tear trickled
Down his sad ceramic face.
I’m lonely, he whispered,
I’m tired of this very crowded place.

I gently took him down and
Wiped away his tears,
Patted his bald head
To calm his many fears.

We have been together now
For years and years and years.
He sits on my desk, smiling.
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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

BY ELAINE WILLIS

Thursday, July 25 (2-3 p.m.) ZOMBIE CUPCAKES – We're going to take ordinary cupcakes and decorate them with brains, eyeballs and other creepy goodies! All supplies will be provided. Grades 6-12. Registration begins July 18. Allergy warning: Some food and decorating items may contain peanuts or other allergens.

Friday, July 26 (10 a.m.-Noon) PORTER'S FIBER FANATICS – Socialize, share, and solve problems while you work on your current project.

Saturday, July 27 (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.

Monday, July 29 (6-8 p.m.) FRIENDS' ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Join the Friends of Porter Public Library for ice cream sundaes and family fun!

Tuesday, July 30 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Tuesday, July 30 (6-7 p.m.) CANDY WRAPPER TOTES & WALLETS – We'll show you how to transform candy wrappers and duct tape into bags and wallets! Grades 5-8. Registration begins July 23.

Tuesday, July 30 (7-8:30 p.m.) CIVIL WAR 150 READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP – Read the material provided by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (access it through the library's website) and join us for a discussion about it. Please register.

Wednesday, July 31 (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.

Thursday, August 1 - Saturday, August 17 WESTLAKE-WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL'S JURIED ART SHOW – Please visit the Porter Library art gallery in

the meeting room wing to view the juried art show from The Westlake-Westshore Arts Council.

Thursday, August 1 (7-7:45 p.m.) SWEET WALL ART – Create some cool art with hard candies! We'll be gluing them on to pre-set designs to make decorative prints. Grades 4-7.

Thursday, August 1 (7-8:30 p.m.) ALMOST GUILTLESS DESSERTS – Join Susan Aldrich for tasting and recipes for almost guiltless desserts. Please register.

Saturday, August 3 (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, August 3 (3-5 p.m.) MAD-4MANGA – 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.

Tuesday, August 6 (10 a.m.-noon) RESULTS-ORIENTED RESUMES – When you are looking for a job, you become a salesperson, selling yourself to your next employer. Your principal "sales tool" will be a well-designed, targeted resume. In the current job market, competition is tough and employers are swamped with resumes for each position they post. This workshop will teach you what will catch the employers' attention and make them want to interview you.

Tuesday, August 6 (2-2:45 p.m.) THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BUBBLES – Join The Bubble Lady for an afternoon of science fun as we explore The Wonderful World of Bubbles. Free tickets will be available in the Youth Services Department starting July 30.

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

Science Week returns

Westlake Porter Public Library's third annual Science Week will take place August 4-10. Sponsored by the Friends of Porter Public Library, Science Week is intended to emphasize the importance of science and technology in today's economy while encouraging people of all ages to expand their knowledge of scientific concepts and ideas. Programs planned cover some of the S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) objectives included in the Westlake City Schools' curriculum.

Several different studies have shown that student' skills and knowledge deteriorate during the summer break from school, particularly in math. Some of those studies also suggest that summer learning opportunities can help stem that loss. Science Week is full of such opportunities.

Here are the programs the library has scheduled:

Monday, August 5 and Wednesday, August 7 (2-4 p.m.) WHO'S LIVING IN MY BACKYARD – Join us for experiments, games, crafts, songs and stories to discover the diversity of life in your own backyard. This two-session series is designed to increase scientific literacy. Grades 2 and 3. Please register for both sessions starting July 29.

Tuesday, August 6 (2-2:45 p.m.) THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BUBBLES – Join The Bubble Lady for an afternoon of science fun as we explore The Wonderful World of Bubbles. Free tickets available in the Youth Services Department starting July 30.

Tuesday, August 6 (4-5 p.m.) Cosmetic Science – Have you ever wondered what goes into the making of lipstick, eye shadow, and mascara? Join Barb Cashmere, former chemist

at Bonne Bell, as she tells us all about the science that goes into making some of your favorite make-up products. You'll even do some mixing yourself and go home with your own home-made cosmetic! Grades 6-12. Please register starting July 30.

Tuesday, August 6 (7-8 p.m.) IT'S A ROBOT STORYTIME! – All systems are GO! Clink, beep or creak on over to hear out-of-this-world stories about robots, sing songs, play games and make a stellar craft! Ages 4-7. Registration begins on July 30.

Wednesday, August 7 (2-4 p.m.) SOLAR COOKING – We'll take recycled materials and turn them into an oven that cooks using just the power of the sun! You'll even get to make some delicious treats to eat in your very own solar oven! Grades 5-8. Registration begins on July 31.

Thursday, August 8 (10 a.m.-noon) DAYTIME ASTRONOMY – Visitors will have the opportunity to view the sun – Earth's nearest star – through solar-safe telescopes. The Moon may also be visible for viewing later in the morning. Please note that this program is dependent on the weather. Look for the telescopes near the library parking lot.

Thursday, August 8 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.) EXPERIMENT STATION – Science Week continues with drop-in experiment stations in the Craft Room. Experiment Day will end with our second annual egg drop at 3 p.m.! Supplies to participate in the egg drop will be available starting at 2 p.m. All ages welcome!

Friday, August 9 (7-7:45 p.m.) THOMAS ALVA EDISON – The famous inventor will come alive in the library to talk about his early life and his inventions, like the light bulb, in this interactive program. All ages. No registration.

To register for any of these programs please visit signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080. ●

Expert to discuss UFOs at Porter Public Library

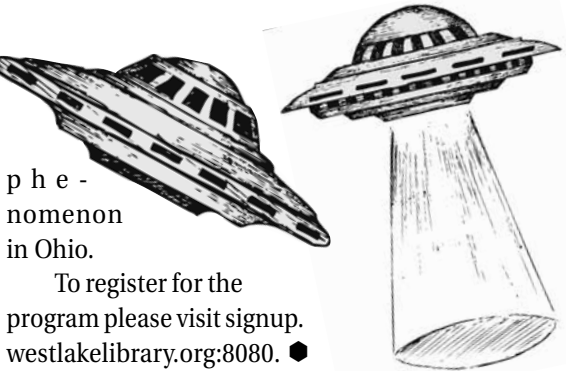
BY ELAINE WILLIS

Thomas Wertman of MUFON Ohio and the Cleveland UFOlogy Project will discuss UFOs and unexplained encounters at Westlake Porter Public Library

on Wednesday, July 31, at 7 p.m. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and there will be time at the end of the presentation for attendees to share personal stories.

Wertman is co-director of the Cleveland UFOlogy Project,

a group which investigates UFOs and related phenomena and hosts public discussion and education gatherings. He is also chief investigator at MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) Ohio, which is dedicated to the objective research of the UFO



phenomenon in Ohio.

To register for the program please visit signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080. ●

UH opens satellite kidney transplant center in Westlake

University Hospitals has established a satellite Transplant Institute Education and Evaluation Center in Westlake, bringing the health system's renowned transplant services to the Westside of Cuyahoga County and surrounding communities.

The satellite location, which opened July 23 at the UH Westlake Health Center

on Clague Road, will provide kidney transplant education and evaluation services to patients with kidney failure who are potential candidates for the procedure. This new location fills a need in the community for these services closer to home.

"Our transplant team has recognized that local access to a transplant program is vital to a patient's decision about trans-

plant as a treatment option for organ failure," said James Schulak, MD, director of the UH Transplant Institute. "For example, in Northeast Ohio a patient on the kidney transplant waiting list will wait (on average) three to five years to receive a deceased donor kidney for transplantation. Every day that a patient waits to pursue this treatment option matters."

A multi-disciplinary team of transplant specialists from University Hospitals Case Medical Center, UH's academic medical center, will provide services at this satellite, which include: education

of organ failure and the transplantation process, determination of transplant candidacy, partnership with local providers to improve timely referral and support programming to enhance patient and care provider support.

The actual transplant and initial follow-up care will be performed at UH Case Medical Center in Cleveland. The primary affiliate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, UH Case Medical Center has had a renowned transplant program for nearly 45 years and has performed more than 3,500 transplants. ●

CFA SHOW

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The accepted entries will be judged in four categories: Oil/Acrylic, Watercolor, Charcoal/Pastel/Pencil/Ink and Photography. A \$150 cash award will be made for the first-place choice in each of the categories.

Honorable Mention certificates will also be awarded as determined by the judges. The judges for the 2013 show are:

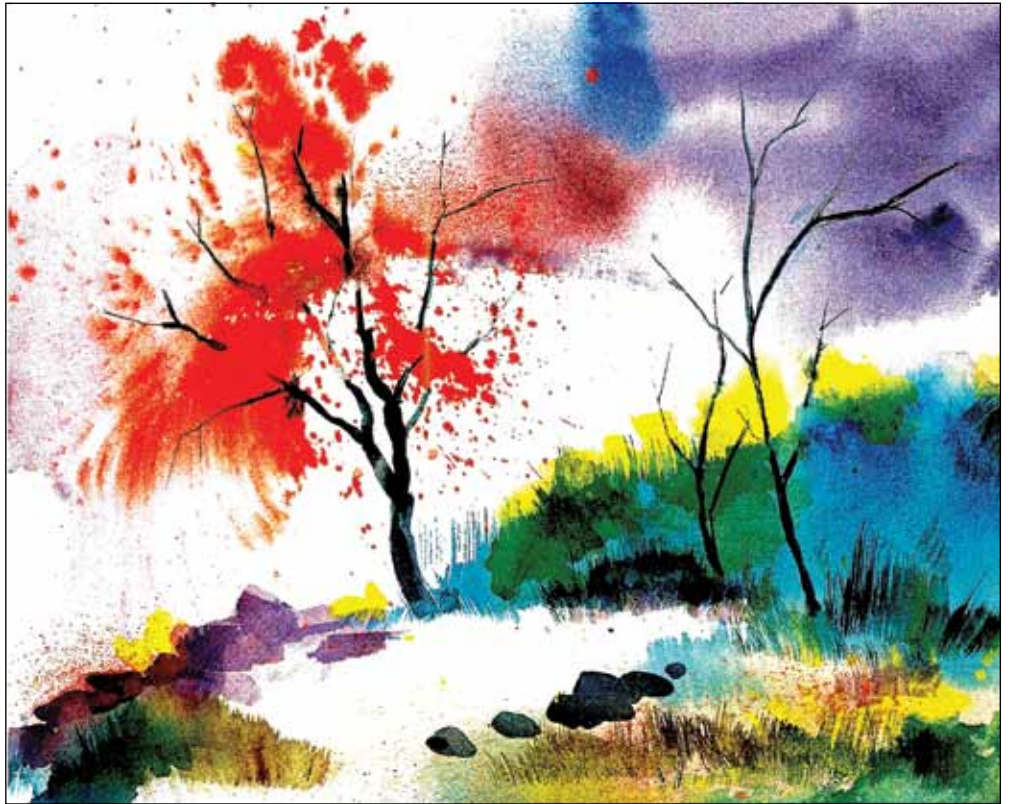
Paul St. Denis, nationally acclaimed watercolorist, Dolphin Fellow of the prestigious American Watercolor Society and a member of the National Watercolor Society. He is listed in Who's Who in American Art as a painter and educator.

Dave Stretar, past president of Erie Shores Photography Club and past officer of the Northeast Ohio Camera Club Council.

Patricia Sigmier, teacher of watercolor painting, life drawing and botanical illustration at the Beck Center and she teaches plein air painting



"Mary" by Lawrence Ramph and "Springtime," a watercolor by Ken Marshall, can be seen at the Community of Fine Arts show, August 5-17 at Porter Library.



On Saturday, August 17, the show's closing day, the public is invited to a "Meet the Artists" reception to be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

The mission of the Westlake-West-

shore Arts Council is to bring art to the public in a non-commercial setting. With the cooperation of Porter Library, the Community of Fine Arts is free and open to all. ●

KITZEROW

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The walkway traverses on the south side of the school from Cahoon Road sidewalk, goes west and curves south to the West Oakland sidewalk. The walkway will be marked with a "Robert Kitzerow Way" sign at each end, which is fitting in that the walk traverses an area that was once the original Bay High football field and track.

Also attending the dedication were some former students and faculty. Bay graduates who did not attend sent tributes via Facebook. Caroline King Taylor recalled, "We thought he was the greatest, especially when he'd steal our French fries at lunch!" Judy Kelly Krueger said, "He was one of those wonderful educators who touch lives in so many ways. ... He was happiest when he was teaching but was

a great administrator, too. Glad he is being honored."

As principal of Bay Middle School, Mr. Kitzerow greeted students each morning at the main entrance and students were well aware that upon entering, they needed to remove their caps. He knew each student by name. Often, teachers would look up across their classroom and see Mr. Kitzerow sitting at one of the desks or tables. He would help install student art shows in the cafeteria, climbing ladders to hang mobiles from the ceiling.

When observed talking with a faculty member in the hallway, most often, the faculty member would be smiling. "Kitz" had a special way with students and faculty. And, we understand, it was similar with other administrators

and members of the Board of Education. When asked to accomplish a task, we heard his response was always, "no problem."

Prior to his career in education, Mr. Kitzerow served in the U.S. Army as a Master Sergeant in World War II under General George Patton's 3rd

Army as tank commander and half-track machine gunner. He also served in the Korean War. He passed away in 2012 at the age of 91. ●



Family members and former students of Bay educator Robert Kitzerow gathered July 6 for a walkway dedication in his honor. Pictured are: (first row) Joey Hoelscher, Jackie Kitzerow, Leslie Kitzerow, Josh Hoelscher; (middle row) Jackie White Day, Gerry Reese Juergens, Carol Blakeslee Cole, Marie Skiba Maxwell; (back row) Chuck Downs, Jess Juergens, Al Nelson, Larry Chamberlain, Gaye Rule, Denny White, Annabel White, Marge Widmar, Doug Day.



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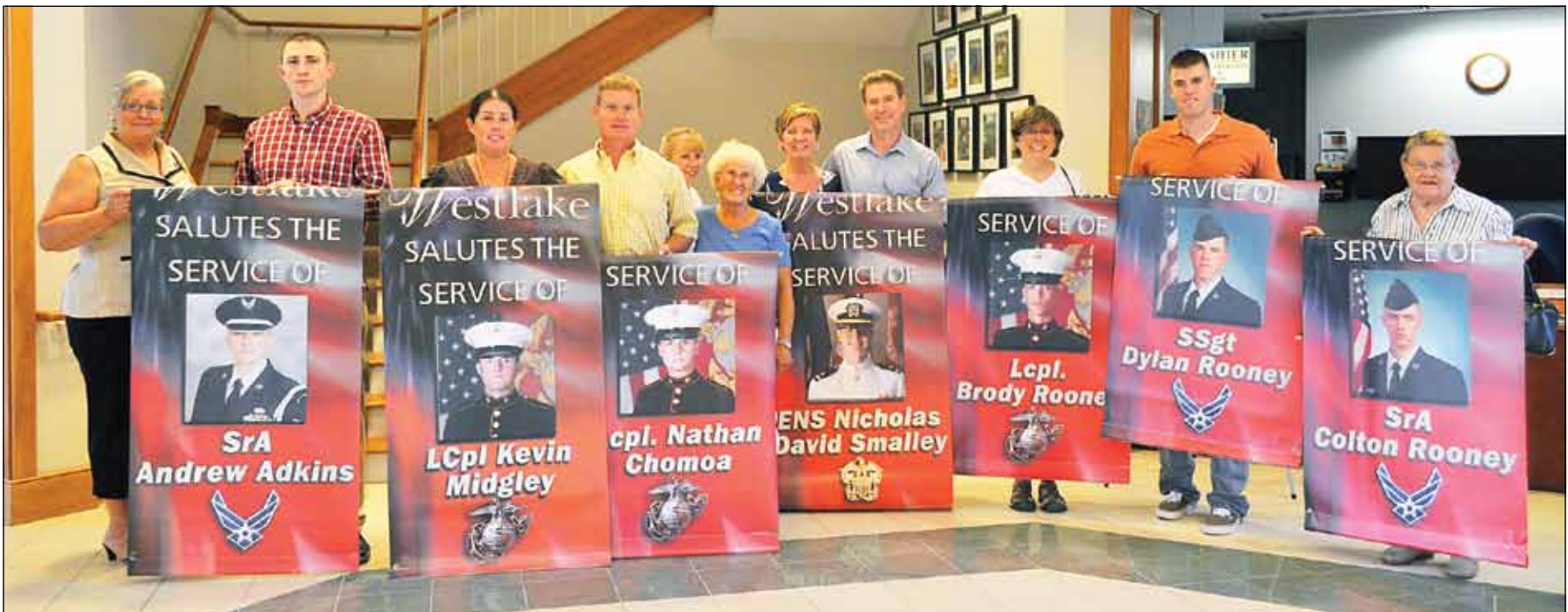


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Westlake military personnel honored

Friends and family of Westlake’s military banner honorees – including two of the featured servicemen – attended a ceremony at Westlake City Hall on July 18 to officially retire the banners that were displayed throughout the city for the last several months. Pictured, from left, are Cindy Wisniewski; Andrew Adkins; Darla Midgley; Mark, Bonnie and Rae-Rite Chomoa; Cecilia and David Smalley; Debbie and Dylan Rooney; and Olga Skerly.

Local authors present their latest book at Unity Spiritual Center

BY LALEI GUTIERREZ

Philip R. Belzunce and Lalei E. Gutierrez, holistic psychologists with over 60 years combined experience, have written a book to help readers learn what “pathway” in their relationship life they are currently on. They will be sharing their experiences and hosting

a presentation and book signing at Unity Spiritual Center in Westlake on Thursday, August 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This is a free event. Their new book is focused on elements they describe as the “eight pathways.” In the presentation they will discuss how this book evolved and came to be. This unique and inspiring relation-

ship guidebook discusses the importance of a person’s lifelong journey of relationship transformation. Based on their personal experience and their work as holistic psychologists, the “Eight Pathways of Healing Love” helps one expand his or her view to see the bigger picture of their life and then identify how each pathway allows us to navigate and grow through relationship struggles. Designed for personal connections of all types, the book helps couples deepen and evolve in their pathway while helping partners who are stuck in unhealthy patterns gain a healthier connection. Additionally, the guide acts as a workbook, offering reflection exercises, metaphors, dialogue examples and practice tools and tips to help individuals and couples integrate these practices into their daily lives. At the presentation on August 15, the authors will be giving away a signed book and books will be available for purchase. To sign up for this free presentation, please call 216-712-6192, or email eightpathways@eightpathways.com.

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Upcoming programs & events at the Bay Village Branch Library

BY JOYCE SANDY

It's hard to believe that it's almost August, and you know how fast THAT month goes! Students, now is the time to be reading your school summer book assignments. Pick them up, or request them now so you'll have time to finish them. There is always a last-minute rush for the books, and you don't want to take the chance of the title you need not being available.

There are several programs planned for all ages to round out the summer. Please join us to be entertained and informed, and choose a book to take home. Storytimes are still going on through the end of the month, and the Reading Game ends on August 3. So far our readers have completed around 5,000 hours of reading toward the adoption of the wood-chuck at the Nature Center. Don't stop now – we still need your hours to add to the total. Everyone has been doing a lot of reading, so keep it up. Take one month off and you'll find yourself doing the Summer Slide and you really don't want to do that. Be equipped to begin the new school year in August with your reading skills intact and maybe even advanced!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, July 24 (7 p.m.) CLEVELAND IN THE GILDED AGE – Join us as storyteller Dan Ruminski returns to discuss the stories of Cleveland at its height of greatness. "Cleveland in the Gilded Age: A Stroll Down Millionaires' Row" is his new book that is filled with all of the characters of the period and the splendor of their homes and the lives they led. A book sale and signing will follow.

Saturday, July 27 to Tuesday, July 30 (during library hours) **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE** – Come to the used book sale during library hours. Bag Day is the last day of the sale – Tuesday, July 30.

Saturday, August 3 (1-4 p.m.) BAY CARES VOLUNTEER FAIR – Have you been looking for an opportunity to serve the Bay Village community? Stop by and see what these groups have to

offer Bay Village and how you can help! The Westlake | Bay Village Observer and the Bay Village Branch Library are teaming up to offer a one-stop shop for all interested residents to peruse the many opportunities to give back to the community in their spare time. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library.

Tuesday, August 6 (7 p.m.) YENKE PEDDLER – The Yenke Peddler from the Sun Newspapers conducts an "Antiques Roadshow" where he will explain the differences between antiques, vintage, and collectibles. Participants are invited to bring one item for appraisal/evaluation.

Wednesday, August 7 (7 p.m.) SPORTS CONCUSSIONS – Is your child an athlete? Do you worry about sports injuries, especially concussions? Join Metro Health's Concussion Clinic experts as they discuss what you need to know about Ohio's new Return to Play Law, symptoms, tips for prevention, and when medical attention is needed.

Tuesday, August 13 (10 a.m.) CHECK OUT LIBRARY E-BOOKS – A librarian will show you the very basic steps to learn how to check out e-books from the library's website.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Join us for storytimes:

STORIES AND MORE on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. for ages birth-5 years.

TWILIGHT TALES on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. for ages birth-5 years.

SNUGGLE BUGS on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for ages birth-30 months.

MORNING MOVERS on Thursdays at 10 a.m. for ages 1- 3.

Children: Please bring a caregiver and join us for these storytimes that go through the week of July 29!.

Please register to attend these programs by going online to cuyahogalibrary.org, calling 871-6392 or when you stop in the library at 502 Cahoon Road. ●

HUMOR

A Strange Dream

BY BRUCE LEIGH

One afternoon I called my lady friend to see if she would like to go to Huntington Beach the next day. We would pack a picnic lunch and watch the sail boats on the lake. My tripod and scope would give us a great view. My only worry was the steps from the top of the hill down to the beach. At my age, I was a little afraid of falling.

That night I crawled into bed thinking about our outing. I couldn't get the view from the top of the hill to the beach below out of my mind. Final-

ly I fell asleep. I dreamt of falling down that hill. When I reached the bottom, it was dark and I thought, huh, what's going on? When I opened my eyes and looked up, the bottom of the bed was staring at me, springs and all. My bed frame is supported on all four sides by large pavement blocks, making it easier to climb in. The frame had slipped from the bricks and slowly I cruised down to the floor.

The next morning I called my lady friend told her what had happened. She had a good laugh. She came over and helped me fix the bed. Then we headed to the beach. All of a sudden the rain started. We decided to go out to eat instead. I'm sure there will be many other sunny days to go to the beach. ●

Book discussion focuses on topics in today's America

BY BEVERLY THOMAS

Have you ever wondered if you are an introvert or an extrovert, or even if it matters? Do we lose immense reserves of talent due to our culture's overvaluation of extroversion? Now is your chance to find out.

Please join our CWRU discussion group starting Sept. 23 as Barbara Parr leads us through the process. We will address ideas about how we think, act and move through our complex society. We will confront our own assumptions, biases and lazy thinking. To assist us in this exploration we will be using the books "Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?" by Michael Sandel and "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking" by Susan Cain.

We look forward to meeting new people and the insights they bring.

These classes are sponsored by the Siegal Lifelong Learning Program at Case Western Reserve University. The eight-week session will be held Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to noon beginning Monday, Sept. 23, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church which is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Wolf and Bradley roads, Bay Village.

Advance registration together with payment of the course fee of \$70 is required and must be received prior to the start of the class.

For more information on this class or to register, call Marianne at 440-808-0076 or Beverly at 440-835-2917.

CWRU courses are offered across the Greater Cleveland area. For more information on other classes, call the office of Continuing Education at 216-368-2090. ●

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- Bay Village Garden Club
- Bay Village Green Team
- Bay Village Historical Society
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- Bay Village Women's Club and Foundation
- BAYarts
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- Colonial Dames of the 17th Century
- Daughters of the American Colonists
- Daughters of the American Revolution, Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter
- Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library
- Friends of the Bay Village Kennel
- Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Women's Board
- League of Women Voters
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Save the rhinos!

BY AUDREY RAY

Did you know poachers are illegally killing rhinos for their horns, at the rate of one approximately every 11 hours according to National Geographic? People from Asia are buying the horns on the black market because they believe the horns have healing powers against diseases like cancer. But that is medically not true.

Did you know that the last known rhino living in Mozambique died in April 2013? The rhino is now extinct in that country because poachers have killed them off.

South African rhino poaching has been a problem since 2010. In 2010, 333 rhinos were poached. In 2011, 448 were poached. In 2012, 668 were poached. As of June 2013, 446 have already been poached. The rhino poaching has increased at alarming rates. I'm afraid poachers might wipe out the rhino population in South Africa too.

South Africa has the largest rhino population in the world. Most of them live in Kruger National Park which is on the

border of South Africa and Mozambique. Mozambique is one of the poorest countries in the world. People are desperate and will put their lives at risk for money. Mozambique doesn't have strict laws against poaching. Poachers enter Kruger National Park along the border.

South Africa is working hard to save the rhino. In Kruger, their rangers are armed to protect the rhinos from poachers. The park also has help from the South African army, helicopter patrols and drones. But it's not enough because more and more rhinos are dying.

ever seen one in person, you know there is a unique beauty to them. On a safari my family took while living in South Africa, our guide, Harry, told us that we were fortunate to see the rhinos in the wild because they might not be here much longer. We saw a whole "crash" of rhinos – four together



A rhino at Shamwari Game Reserve in South Africa.

gered because people are killing them to sell their horns. I hope that people who are buying the horns learn that the horns are not medicine and cannot cure diseases and they stop buying them. I think if people stop buying the horns, then poachers will stop killing the rhinos.

If you want to

learn more about South African rhinos, you can check out the websites: www.rhinos.org and www.savetherhino.org.

Audrey Ray is a soon-to-be sixth-grader at Bay Middle School, currently living abroad in South Africa.



Mom and young rhino walk the protected lands of Shamwari.

It seems all too real to me. I can't imagine life without rhinos. They are not the best-looking animal, but if you have

including a young one. That's what a group is called. It would be awful if one day the world woke up and learned that

it could never see a real live rhino in the wild anywhere ever again!

I think the best way to help the rhinos is to talk about the poaching problem. Make more and more people aware that the rhinos are seriously endan-



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A "crash" of rhinos at Shamwari.



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Bay Village Schools is the site of new Braille Production Center

BY KAREN DERBY

The Bay Village City School District has been selected as a site for converting digital text to braille learning materials for local, visually-impaired students.

Students and districts in our area will benefit from The Incidental Braille Production Center equipment as a result of the Bay Village district receiving the BEST Grant (Braille Excellence for Students and Teachers, a United States Department of Education grant). The production center will allow districts to produce learning materials in braille much more efficiently and at less cost. Area brailists have been training on the

equipment over the summer.

The grant was written by Helen Zdrojewski, Teacher of the Visually Impaired for the Bay Village City School District. "Braille is a critical skill for visually-impaired children to learn," she said. "Audio is a nice addition, but braille is reading. It is like the difference between listening to a recording and reading from a printed page or a screen for sighted individuals. It is absolutely a necessary skill."

The BEST grant, under the direction of Paula Mauro, coordinator at the Center for Instructional Supports and Accessible Materials (CISAM), is a statewide project of professional development, technical assistance and product development dedicated

to Braille literacy, Braille instruction, Braille materials and Braille technology in Ohio schools.

Zdrojewski also recently received, on behalf of the school district and student Jennifer Kasunick, a gift of Window Eyes, one of the most effective screen reader software programs with Braille output. The program will provide Jennifer access to much of the information available through computers to help her keep pace with today's high levels of information processing. The Hyland Software product and gift is part of the Westlake



Left-to-right: ET Brailier trainer Jerry Whittaker, Teacher of Visually Impaired Helen Zdrojewski, Brailist Lisa Wilson and Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Martha Patton.

company's mission of promotion and development of youth education in technology, and

expansion of its local districts' capacity for education through the use of technology. ●



Antiquing on a fine summer day at the Clague House

The annual Antique, Vintage & Craft Show sponsored by the Westlake Historical Society usually is accompanied by scorching temperatures, but not so this year. Temperatures in the low 80s made it a perfect day to stroll among the 50 booths for the hundreds who attended this year's event on July 21. Unique items, like the plaster Buddha bust and period flow blue china plates, gave visitors a lot to browse among during the show. ●

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Making things easier for someone with dementia

BY KRISTI VAUGHN

There are a number of things that you can do to make life easier – and safer – for your loved one with dementia.

Keys and locks: Consider rekeying all the locks in the house so that a single key opens them all – reducing the number of keys the person has to fumble with on a key chain. Make sure you have copies of the house key for yourself. Give another spare to a trustworthy neighbor in case the person in your care gets locked out of the house.

Labels: For some people with moder-

ate dementia, it can be handy to put labels on a few of the most-used drawers and cabinets in the kitchen and bedroom. But keep the labels simple and minimal, as too many may be confusing.

Home delivery: Simplify routines by reducing the number of tasks a person has to remember. If he or she typically went out to buy a daily newspaper, arrange for home delivery. Some stores will deliver basic groceries such as milk and eggs. Prescription refills can often be handled by mail.

Pillbox: Whether the person in your care takes multiple medications or just one, a weekly pillbox helps him or her remember to do so day by day. Try attaching a cue card to the box with simple instructions covering when and how to take each medication (with meals, at night). If he or she has trouble remembering a pill that must be taken at a specific time, set a reminder alarm if you can – or an alarm for yourself so you can call to give a phone reminder.

Clean sweeps: Clutter and mess can confuse and distract people with Alzheimer's, causing them to forget where they placed or stored items or making them less able to handle certain tasks, like paying bills. Toss old periodicals and junk mail weekly. If someone comes in to clean the home, be sure the employee tidies surfaces and clears old papers – without drastically rearranging things, which can be confusing.

Bulletin board: Next to the calendar, hang a corkboard where you can post reminders, frequently used phone numbers (including yours), and other important information.

Photo directory: If the person you're caring for has lots of different faces to deal with – a Meals on Wheels volunteer, rotating home-health aides, adult daycare workers, physical therapists, doctors – try taking snapshots of them and placing these in a special album or even on a bulletin board in plain view. Label them with each per-

son's name and relationship to the person in your care. You can refer to the pictures as prompts before a scheduled meeting.

Hygiene prompts: Keeping important personal hygiene items visible reminds the person to do personal-care tasks. For example, keep toothpaste out on the counter next to the toothbrush rather than in the medicine cabinet.

Journals and notepads: Writing things down helps them stick in the memory. Buy a simple day-by-day diary small enough to carry around and record big events (appointments, holidays) and other information to remember, such as details of conversations or things to buy at the store. You can also record key phone numbers there. Providing prompts several times a day to use the datebook can reinforce the habit. Keep extra paper and pens on hand by the telephone and TV for spur-of-the-moment note-taking. ●

Kristi Vaughn is a licensed social worker in Bay Village.

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BAYarts

BAYarts Summer Intensive Challenge

BY NANCY HEATON

Beginning in August, high school students to adults can participate in BAYarts' popular workshops that offer intensive focus on areas artists of all levels might want to try for the first time or hone in on an area they've had experience in.

Students include professionals, high school and college students, first timers and BAYarts regulars. Students can sign up for one block or two, the programming catering to what BAYarts educators feel students have been requesting or want to test in the curriculum.

Choices range from Encaustic painting with multi-talented artist Erin Schectman, a professional illustrator and member of The Rustbelt Monster Collective; Plein air landscapes with master oil painter Christopher Leeper; Charcoal Portrait Drawing with Dino Massaroni, award-winning member of the Portrait Society of America and Ohio Plein Air Society; Watercolor Filters, a technique of applying layers of watercolor over various filtering objects with Joyce Bolte of The Erie Shore, Aquarelle and Westshore Art Leagues; Drawing en Plein air using the



scenic surrounding of Huntington Reservation for inspiration with instructor Chris Birchfield of CIA and Zygote Press; Figure Painting in Oil or Acrylic with Martin O'Connor, multi-award winning painter and Screw Factory member; or Enameling with Kate Ward Terry, professional artist and instructor at BAYarts and Art House.

Blocks are on August 3 & 4, and August 5 & 6; two full days with a break each day for lunch. More information and online registration at bayarts.net/classes.aspx or call 440-871-6543. ●



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A new home for The Village Project

BY DIANE FRYE

The Village Project is excited to announce the upcoming renovation of and move to its new home at 27378 West Oviatt Road in Bay Village.

Over the past two and a half years, The Village Project, formerly known as The Village Food Project, has worked in harmony with individuals, businesses, civic organizations, schools, churches and the city to serve over 6,000 nutritious meals and provide extended care to over 55 families experiencing cancer in the cities of Bay Village and Avon Lake.

The unique, grassroots, community organization continues to grow. Neighboring communities are seeking help from the VP and its 400-plus volunteers of all ages. High school students, preparing and packaging meals under the supervision of adult cooks, and hundreds of additional volunteers who serve through gardening, shopping, delivery, house cleaning, yard pick-up, communications and more are anxious to meet the need; however, the original facilities did not allow for further expansion.

"For the past two and a half years, Bay Presbyterian Church, its staff, and congregation have supported the development and launch of the Village Project and graciously provided exclusive use of their west wing kitchen. Without the Church's support, this phenomenal organization would not exist," stated Barb Harrell, Village Project Executive Director. "Use of the BPC kitchen has been an incredible blessing. However, after two and a half years of utilizing the kitchen, the time is right to make a move. Not only have we outgrown the kitchen, it is also located in the middle of Bay Presbyterian's youth area, limiting the

ministry's opportunity to host meals and events. Bay Presbyterian's leadership has been incredibly selfless and sacrificial. The VP will be forever grateful."

The West Oviatt facility will allow for the preparation of a greater number of meals and expansion to neighboring communities. It also will offer increased administrative and storage space along with state-of-the-art culinary equipment. In addition, there will be space for volunteer meetings, training and operations along with the ability to host client meetings, offering support and extended services. Lastly, the building will provide the opportunity to partner with various areas within the community.

Harrell and the VP board of directors felt strongly that the organization should stay in Bay Village. "Ideally, we would have preferred a space with an existing kitchen; however, there were no places available in Bay." Thanks to the help of the facility owners Larry and Cheryl Wynocker, architect John Faile, builder Pete Grealis, kitchen designer/chef Richard Cicic, the Bay Village Building Dept., city officials and many other contractors, advisors and supporters, the facility will be renovated to meet all Village Project needs.

An open house celebration will be planned for late summer/early fall.

The non-profit Village Project operates 100 percent on donations. To support the VP with a tax-deductible gift, donate on the website: www.ourvillageproject.com or mail to: Village Project, P.O. Box 40023, Bay Village, OH 44140. Our website also lists other opportunities to support the VP.

For further information, email: info@ourvillageproject.com or call (440) 348-9401. ●



The new home of The Village Project will be moving into a new location at 27378 West Oviatt Road later this summer.

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Making a selection at the annual Festival of the Arts



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

RJ Hostetler helps his mom, Aubrey, choose a stained glass cross at the Festival of the Arts show held July 12-14 on the St. John Medical Center campus.

NEW BUSINESS

Sears returns to Westlake with new home appliance showroom

BY CANDICE HUDSON

The recent opening of a new Sears Home Appliance Showroom Store in Westlake truly “hits home” with parent company executives.

Will Powell, the chief operating officer of Sears Hometown and Outlet Stores Inc. just happens to be a longtime resident of Northeast Ohio, currently residing in Bay Village, which means he is holding himself fully accountable to ensure local shoppers receive nothing less than an exceptional shopping experience, featuring personalized customer assistance, shopping by appointment any time of day or night, cookies, coffee and beverages, and a play

area for children.

The new Sears Home Appliance Showroom store opened July 18 at 30219 Detroit Road in the Promenade at Crocker Park. The store will provide customers with access to a full suite of home appliance merchandise and mattresses, including all of the top 10 appliance brands.

“We’re proud to bring Northeast Ohio its first Sears Home Appliance Showroom. As a resident, I’m making a personal and professional commitment to ensure my hometown receives nothing but the absolute best customer service and an exceptional shopping experience,” said Powell, noting that he welcomes anyone who has a “less-than-perfect experience” in the store to contact

him directly at company headquarters in Hoffman Estates, Ill. “If any customer is in anyway dissatisfied with their experience, I encourage them to call me directly at 847-286-9741,” said Powell.

Sears Home Appliance Showroom stores, through a price-match plus policy, guarantees the lowest price on the top appliance brands. Each Sears Home Appliance Showroom store is equipped with an internet kiosk where customers are guided by sales staff to view similar products, price match with other retailers, and order products not available in the store. Sears Home Appliance Showroom stores also offer delivery, installation and repair services from trained technicians.

The Sears Home Appliance Showroom store in Westlake is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The store phone number is 440-250-2270. ●

Compeer gears up for two big summer events

BY DENISE AYRES

The Compeer Program at Far West Center in Westlake is a nonprofit with a focus on ending isolation for adults that are managing mental illness. Compeer volunteers and members are teaming up for two important summer events, the Annual Compeer Picnic and the Greater Cleveland “N.A.M.I. Walks” event.

The Annual Compeer Picnic will be held on Friday, August 23, at Bradley Woods in Westlake. The Annual Compeer Picnic is the event at which our members, volunteers and families gather together to celebrate friendship and the healing power that it offers. The 2013 Picnic Committee has plans underway to choose menu items, plan games and find generous community donors to donate picnic items and game prizes. So far game prizes have been donated by Mitchell’s Homemade Ice Cream and the Cleveland Indians!

If you are interested in becoming part of Compeer’s picnic fun there is still time to call the Compeer office at Far West Center: 440-835-6212, ext. 242. Community businesses or organizations interested in donating picnic items, picnic supplies or prizes can also call the Compeer office.

The second event team that Compeer is getting together is our “NAMI Walks” team for the annual NAMI of Greater Cleveland event being held on Saturday, Sept. 7, at Voinovich

Park by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. NAMI stands for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI of Greater Cleveland is a nonprofit that provides a number of support services and informative groups throughout Cuyahoga County.

The fourth annual Compeer Program walk team is named the “Compeer Far West Center Walkers.” For the past three years Compeer volunteers, members, staff, family members and family dogs have participated together to help NAMI end the stigma attached to individuals who utilize mental and behavioral health services in their recovery.

Community members are welcome to join the Compeer Far West Center Walkers for the Sept. 7 event. Please call the Compeer office if you would like to walk 2.5 miles for an important cause. The walk may be a short distance but the cause will have a large positive impact on families and communities.

Please consider joining the Compeer Program at Far West Center for our two meaningful summer events. Mental wellness is achieved with help from the friendship and support of caring people. As you can see, Compeer participation is time well spent and is also a lot of fun. Adults with a caring heart, a listening ear and a smile to share will fit right in with our teams!

The Compeer Program at Far West Center can also be contacted by email at compeer@far-westcenter.com. ●



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SPORTING VIEWS

(Re)Play it again, Sam

BY JEFF BING

Last week, as the tension was (yawn) mounting for the baseball contest (a.k.a. the MLB All-Star Game) to begin, which would decide who would have the home field advantage (another yawn) during this fall's World Series, the radio guys were killing time (now *there's* a shocker) prior to the first pitch by discussing the possibility of making instant replay a regular part of all baseball games.

No, that's not a typo (this time, anyway) – you read it correctly – I said *all* baseball games. And the kicker was that baseball was supposedly basing their decision on the “success” experienced by the NFL in their use of replay over the last few years.

Now, if we can forget just for a second the two sports are so vastly different that one sport making a decision based upon the other sport's action(s) is inherently ludicrous, let's then think about what replay has done for a typical Browns game.

Suppose there's 2:43 left in regulation and the opposing coach has thrown the challenge flag because he thinks a Browns player stepped out of bounds back at the 23-yard line while returning the kickoff, instead of him being tackled at the 28, a difference of five measly yards, right? But the announcers will tell us it's about the “integrity of the game” and “getting it right.”

Listen, since the Browns are typically losing something like 35-7 at this stage of the game anyway, who cares? Besides, if it was truly about the integrity of the game, the NFL would have

a mercy rule so that any time a team was down by more than, say, 21 points at the half, the official would call the game. Now *that* would be progress, no? We could then go home and maybe even *enjoy* the rest of our Sunday.

Instead, the officials converge and shoot the bull for 15 minutes while the head referee sticks his head under a black cover and – in theory, anyway – observes the play in question on a private TV monitor from, oh say, about 112 different angles. When he finally comes out – after realizing the last 111 angles weren't necessary – he announces, “The play stands as called.”

The problem is, of course, that the original play occurred so long ago that no one – including the officials – remembers what the play even *was*, so they end up spotting the ball at the 33-yard line anyway. This does absolutely nothing for the game, although it does suggest that these guys would make great U.S. congressmen.

So, we can only hope that Major League Baseball re-thinks their strategy for implementing further instant replay before doing anything crazy.

Besides, we need to look at the big picture – and seriously consider – that someday we may get too camera-happy as a society and get carried away with this replay nonsense. Because, before you know it, you could be out driving around and there will be cameras placed at certain heavily-traveled intersections, just waiting to nab you if you pass through the intersection a fraction of a second after the light turned red, or went a mile or two over the speed limit. Oh, wait a second... Never mind. ●

Donations sought for Bay fireworks fund

BY EILEEN VERNON

Will Bay Village have a fireworks show in 2014? The answer to that question is maybe: It will depend upon the generosity of those who enjoy the fireworks by contributing to the Community Fireworks Fund.

Bay Village Mayor Debbie Sutherland announced in 2011 that the city could no longer afford to pay for fireworks. Following that announcement, an anonymous donor stepped forward and contributed the funds through The Village Foundation for the past two years. In the future, funds will have to come from private donations given specifically for this purpose.

This special fund enables citizens to make a tax-deductible contribution to The Village Foundation specifically earmarked for the continuation of the annual fireworks display. Those that attend Bay Days and come to see the fireworks every Fourth of July that live in surrounding areas are also invited to contribute.

The community needs volunteers to form a committee to oversee the

fundraising efforts. Those willing to help should call the Village Foundation phone line, 440-899-3490. Please leave your number and a detailed message. This in an unattended phone and your call will be returned.

To get the fund started, The Village Foundation granted \$1,000, board members and others contributed \$800, and the Bay Kiwanis Club contributed \$1,000. The goal will be to raise \$11,000 before March 15, 2014 in time for the city to order the materials. Ideally, donors will contribute larger sums to cover more than one year of fireworks so that the fund can grow.

This is a donor specified fund maintained by The Village Foundation. Information about the organization is available at thevillagefdn.org.

The City of Bay Village has offered fireworks during the Bay Days celebration for more than 50 years. The maintenance of this fund will allow the city to request a grant from the Village Foundation each year to pay for the fireworks. Hopefully, the funds will be available, thanks to residents, businesses and civic groups that raised money throughout the years for the fireworks display.

Please contribute and volunteer to help. Donations may be made to The Bay Village Community Fireworks Fund, The Village Foundation, P.O. Box 10422, Bay Village, OH 44140. ●

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Bay Village LWV plans for upcoming election season

BY GERRY SCHREIBMAN AND GEORGE RYAN

Look for the Bay Village non-partisan primary election Voters' Guide in the next edition of the Observer.

The Bay Village chapter of the League of Women Voters - Cuyahoga Area is pleased to announce the upcoming publication of Voters' Guides as they pertain to the fall municipal elections. The first Voters' Guide will present biographical information about the four candidates for mayor of Bay Village. In addition, candidates were asked to respond to a series of questions regarding finances, regionalization, vision and leadership. The questions and their answers will be found in the Voters' Guide. In alphabetical order the four mayoral candidates are: Claire Banasiak, Martin Mace, incumbent Deborah Sutherland and David Volle.

This will be the first mayoral non-partisan primary election in Bay Village since 2007. In July of that year the Bay Village City Council unanimously voted to amend the city charter by establishing a non-partisan primary election to ensure majority vote for all city offices. Previously, any number of candidates could run for office in November, which occasionally resulted in winning an election by fewer than 35 percent of the votes cast.

Bay Village residents overwhelmingly

supported the charter amendment by a 64 percent vote. Although the most recent Charter Review Commission considered changing the charter amendment again, they opted to leave it as currently written.

The Bay chapter of the League of Women Voters encourages all residents to consider carefully the information presented in the Voters' Guide and to attend the mayoral Candidates' Night on August 13, at 7 p.m. at Bay Middle School. The non-partisan primary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10, and the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will advance to the November general election.

Subsequently, the Bay chapter will prepare a second Voters' Guide for the municipal elections. This will include additional information concerning the mayoral candidates, as well as candidates for Bay City Council and the Bay Board of Education.

The League welcomes the participation of interested citizens in its activities and invites you to attend our next meeting on Saturday, August 3, at 11 a.m. in the Community Room of the Bay Village Police Station. If you can't make it, consider visiting our table at the Bay Cares Volunteer Fair on August 3 from 1-4 p.m. at the Bay Village branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library.

Further information regarding Cuyahoga area activities may be found on our website: www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org. Making democracy work! ●

Protect your right to vote!

BY CONDA BOYD

Cuyahoga County purged over 38,000 voter registration records on July 17. Was yours one? Check www.443vote.com to ensure you are still eligible to vote. While you're there, verify your address and polling place. This is particularly important if you do not vote regularly or if you have moved since 2007.

Students and young adults who move frequently are especially encouraged to verify their registration and address. A new address, even within the same city, may place you in a different precinct or ward,

and it may change your polling place.

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 requires that each state remove ineligible voters from the rolls. Every two years, Ohio mails confirmation cards to inactive voters and those who have filed change of address cards with the Post Office. People whose cards are undeliverable or not returned are placed on a list to be purged four years later.

You can always update your registration by completing a new voter registration card, available at your local library and city hall. You can update your address and check your polling location at www.443vote.com.

The deadline to register for Bay Village's primary election is August 12. The deadline for the general election is October 7.

Please vote! It is not just your right. It is your responsibility. ●

Bay Village residents:
August 12 is the deadline to register to vote in the September 10 Mayoral Primary

For a registration form, visit City Hall, the public library, or the senior center; print a copy from BOE.CuyahogaCounty.us; or call the Board of Elections at 216-443-3298.



League of Women Voters
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Make Democracy Work! Join the League at www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org.

History volunteer honored

Morgan Hansen was awarded the Westlake Historical Society's first "Student Volunteer of the Year" award at the start of the Society's annual Antique, Vintage & Craft Show on Sunday, July 21. Morgan is the daughter of Eric and Carolyn Hansen and will enter her junior year at Westlake High School this fall. Morgan has given countless hours over the past year to help the Westlake Historical Society. Her enthusiasm for Westlake history is greatly appreciated.



NEXT ISSUE: The Observer, in collaboration with the League of Women Voters, will print a Voters' Guide on August 6 for the Bay Village Mayoral Primary

They Say

by Dave Scullin, Westlake

They say: He is as glum as a bankrupt undertaker.

They say: Everyone calls him "Webster" because words can't describe him.

They say: He calls a doctor when all he wants is an

audience.

They say: The wife of a Johnson & Johnson company employee had the habit of nicking herself in the kitchen. In 1920 he invented the Band-Aid.

They say: The sound of the door knocker was used to frighten off evil spirits hovering around the entrance of a home.

COMMUNITY EVENTS Post your group's free community events online at wbvobserver.com

Thursday, July 25, 11 a.m. Cleveland Botanical Garden Trip

It is a vibrant ever-changing oasis showcasing both rainforest and desert plants. Garden Cafe offers a seasonal menu of soups, salads, sandwiches and wraps. Seating is limited. RSVP required, 440-835-6565. Transportation fee: \$5; garden admission: \$9.50; each pays for own meal. *Departs/returns: Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

Thursday, July 25, 5:30 p.m. The Anterior Total Hip & Current Trends in Total Joint Surgery

Presented by Joseph George, MD, Lorain Family Health Center, whose specialties include acute fracture care, arthritis, arthroscopy, general orthopaedics and sports medicine, joint problems, total joint replacement, knee surgery, painful total joints and revision joint replacement. Free and open to the public. Food and beverages provided. Please RSVP to Tiffany Fields, 440-930-6752 or tfields@sprengherhealthcare.com. *Towne Center Community Campus, 500 Community Drive, Avon Lake*

Thursday, July 25, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Benefit Performance of "9 To 5: The Musical"
Proceeds support the programming of the Bay Village Community Band. Reception begins at 6:30 p.m., play at 7:30. Tickets are \$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door. Contact Jim & Teresa Brewer for tickets at 440-835-2164. *Huntington Playhouse, 28601 Lake Road, Bay Village*

Saturday, July 27, 10-11 a.m.
Childhood Food Allergies
Come hear a Cleveland Clinic children's dietician discuss how to manage your child's food allergies and learn ways to encourage healthy eating habits. At the end of the talk, you will receive a hand-out chock-full of healthy smoothie recipes packed with nutritious ingredients sure to get your child on the path to good nutrition! Cost: Free. *Fairview Hospital Wellness Center, 3035 Wooster Rd., Rocky River*

Sunday, July 28, 2 p.m.
"9 to 5 the Musical" Matinee Performance
The Women's Board of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's annual matinee performance and recep-

tion to benefit the nonprofit Center. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Center or by calling Karen at 440-670-6760. *Huntington Playhouse, 28601 Lake Road, Bay Village*

Monday, July 29, 6-8 p.m.
Ice Cream Social
Friends of Westlake Porter Public Library will host the annual party featuring \$1 Mitchell's Ice Cream sundaes, games and prizes, face painting, balloon shapes, music, a 50-cent cakewalk for kids and a Cleveland APL truck with puppies and kittens. Portables Gift Shop will hold a sidewalk sale from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Monday, July 29, 7 p.m.
Meet the Candidate Night
Residents are invited to meet Bay Village City Council Ward 4 candidate Tom Henderson, learn about his background, hear why he is running for office and discuss perspectives on local issues. Refreshments will be served. *Walker Road Park Pavilion, 31158 Walker Road, Avon Lake*

Tuesday, July 30, 5-7 p.m.
LBMS Community Open House
The Westlake community is invited to attend a dedication ceremony for the new Lee Burneson Middle School. The ceremony will include speakers and a ribbon cutting, which will take place at 5 p.m. The community is invited to tour the building between 5:30 and 7 p.m. Light refreshments and a slideshow of the project progression will be available in the cafeteria during the open house. *Lee Burneson Middle School, 2240 Dover Center Rd., Westlake*

Friday, August 2, 10 a.m.
The Big Latch On
Groups of breastfeeding women coming together at registered locations around the world to all latch on their child at a set time. All the breastfeeding women and children are latched on for one minute at the set time and are counted by the witnesses. The numbers are added up and we see if we can beat previous Big Latch On records or maybe even the world record! *Reese Park, 301 Clague Rd., Bay Village*

Saturday, August 3, 11 a.m.
League of Women Voters Meeting
LWV Cuyahoga Area - Bay Village chapter will review election season plans as well as the 2013-14 budget. Donuts will be provided, bring your own beverage! Our meetings are always open to the public. Anyone who is interested in the League of Women Voters is welcome and encouraged to attend. *Bay Village Police Station meeting room, 28000 Wolf Rd.*

Saturday, August 3, 1-4 p.m.
Bay Cares Volunteer Fair
Have you been looking for an opportunity to serve the Bay Village community? Show that "Bay Cares" and attend the Volunteer Fair! Stop by and see what these groups have to offer Bay Village and how you can help! Refreshments will be provided. See list of participating groups on page 10. *Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.*

Sunday, August 4, 7 p.m.
Bay Village Community Band Concert
Summer's still hot and so is the Bay Village Community Band! Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and come enjoy the sounds of summer! *Cahoon Park Gazebo, Bay Village*

Monday, August 5, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Hospice Volunteer Education
Hospice Volunteers are needed throughout northern Ohio for a wide range of activities. Join us at our upcoming volunteer education series in Westlake, Mondays and Thursdays, August 5-19. Teens (13-17 yr.), attorney, notary, licensed hairdresser, and volunteers who don't have contact with patients attend only the first session on Aug. 5. Other volunteers with patient contact must attend all 5 sessions. RSVP required. Call Mary McGowan at 800-7077-8922, ext. 6881. *Hospice of the Western Reserve, 29101 Health Campus Dr., Suite 400, Westlake*

Wednesday, August 7, 11 a.m.
Summer Picnic
Westlake Village will be providing a complimentary picnic lunch for us. St. Ignatius Circus Company Show will perform. Immediately following the show, lunch will be served. Join us for a lovely afternoon on the Dwyer Center patio. Seating is limited. RSVP required, 440-835-6565. *Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

Wednesday, August 7, 6:45 p.m.
Westlake in Bloom Award Ceremony
The winners of Westlake's annual community beautification competition will be announced. Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. *LaCentre, 25777 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

Friday, August 9, 9:30 a.m.
West Side Market Trip
Join us for our trip to the historic West Side Market. After shopping, we will have lunch at one of the local restaurants and will stop at Sweet Moses in the Gordon Square area for sweets. Dining and dessert on your own. Seating is limited. RSVP required, 440-835-6565. Transportation fee: \$5. *Departs/returns: Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

Friday, August 9, 1:30-2:45 p.m.
Adult Tricycles Presentation and Demonstration
Learn how to enjoy the freedom of bicycling again by discovering adult tricycles. The presentation will cover the techniques used to ride trikes, sidewalk etiquette, safety and much more. We will have an adult trike at the presentation for you to see, as well. Refreshments will be served. Please call 440-835-6565 for a seat reservation. Sponsored by Village Bicycle Cooperative. *Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

Friday, August 9, 2-3 p.m.
Free Community Open House
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