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A new school for Westlake

Ribbon-cutting ceremony opens new Lee Burneson Middle School

BY DENNY WENDELL

The late Lee Burneson would be proud of the new Westlake middle school dedicated in his honor at a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour held on July 30. He probably would also be amazed at the growth of the school system that he served for 42 years.

Burneson's educational responsibilities were also quite different from today's teachers. Sara Burneson, Lee's daughter-in-law, was a featured speaker during the ceremony and spoke of Burneson's duties when he started his educational career in 1921 as principal of the Dover Village High School. At that time, Sara said, the school – which was later known as the Red Brick School House – had only 343 students in grades 1 through 12.

When Lee Burneson started out, he taught history, algebra, geometry, general science, bookkeeping and account-



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Lee Burneson, pictured here in 1924, served as superintendent for nearly four decades, guiding the school system during a dynamic time as Westlake outgrew its Dover Village farming days and developed into a busy city.

track. Burneson became superintendent in 1924 and continued to serve the school system until his retirement in 1963. His contributions to the development of the educational system in Westlake were so profound that the city named its junior high school in his honor when it was dedicated in 1961. A display case in the newly



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

The new Lee Burneson Middle School will welcome its first seven- and eighth-graders Sept. 4. A plaque outside commemorates the Red Brick School where Mr. Burneson served as principal.

ing. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he also coached football, basketball, baseball and

built Lee Burneson Middle School building, located just south of the old school, is filled with memorabilia from his tenure in Westlake.

The new middle school is a state-of-the-art educational facility designed for 21st-century learning that will impact the school's students for years to come. Among the modern features of the school is a completely wireless campus with a "bring your own device" initiative that allows students use their own iPads and laptops for class work. All classrooms have interactive projectors that allow students

to take a more active role in their learning. There are also flexible workspaces such as a courtyard that students will use for outdoor projects. In addition, classrooms were designed with energy efficient lighting and large windows to allow in natural light.

LBMS will also be one of a handful of middle schools in Ohio that will have a pre-engineering program for seventh- and eighth-graders, a curriculum that normally is only available to high school freshmen.

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Last thoughts as a foreign journalist

BY AUDREY RAY

While living in Stellenbosch, South Africa, as a foreign journalist, I discovered that it is a lot different from Bay Village. The road I live on always had cars going down the street, and we walk everywhere. We walk to the grocery store, the ice cream shop, restaurants, and other shops. In Bay Village, we drive most places. There are people begging for food or money on every street we walk on. Some people come to our door asking for food. Security guards with guns stand outside grocery stores and banks. You don't see that in Bay Village.

I've learned many people live in communities of shacks called informal settlements. In these settlements, there may be only one toilet and one shower for four shacks. The toilets are like port-a-potties. Some people who live in these settlements only use



Audrey Ray

their money for basic needs and some don't even have enough money for that. They cannot afford to buy things they want like new toys, new clothes, school supplies, candy or anything extra.

Cars are made smaller and shorter in South Africa. We had to buy a minivan but it's a lot smaller than the ones back home. I have to sit in the back seat and always have to climb over the row of seats in front of me to get out! I will not miss doing that!

My biggest regret about the trip is not getting a chance to go to Johannesburg. It would have been cool to see where I lived when I was one year old and the places we visited. I wanted to meet some of the friends I met when I was one. The problem was that we ran out of time.

As I get ready to leave, there are many parts to South Africa that I will miss: the mountains, the ocean only 20 minutes away, different animals, walking around Stellenbosch, the culture and much, much more.

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Learn about the Civil War in Ohio at Porter Library

BY ELAINE WILLIS

When most people think of the Civil War, they think of the South. But that war touched all areas of the country, including Ohio. That's why Westlake Porter Public Library will present "The Civil War in Northern Ohio" on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. Local historian and author John Vacha will be the speaker.

The program will be based on David Van Tassel's "Beyond Bayonets," and will focus on life on the home front in Cleveland during the war. Special attention will be given to the role played behind the front lines by women and the Soldiers Aid Society.

To register please call 440-250-5460 or visit signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080.

Bouncing in a castle



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Kids line up to enter a bounce castle during Bay Rec's annual Family Fun Night on Aug. 3. The annual event featured games, music, face painting and a showing of the movie "Madagascar 3" at Cahoon Memorial Park.

WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club holds annual Fete des Fleurs Luncheon

BY JEAN SMITH

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, the Westlake Garden Club will host its annual Fête des Fleurs fundraiser luncheon. Since this is the club's 50th anniversary year, we wanted the luncheon to be really special, so we chose the beautiful Westwood Country Club at 22625 Detroit Road, Rocky River, as the location for the celebration.

The doors will open at 11 a.m. at which time attendees can explore the exciting raffle baskets, get a beverage at the cash bar, purchase some baked goods to take home, or visit with friends on the lovely terrace. Lunch will be served at noon and guests will enjoy piano music before and during lunch.

The guest speaker, Plain Dealer Home and Garden editor, Julie E. Washington, will start speaking around 1 p.m., followed by a short

ceremony to celebrate the club's 50 years, and the much anticipated raffle. Proceeds from the luncheon will support community and educational projects.

Some past recipients of support from the Westlake Garden Club include: Westlake Board of Education and Lee Burneson Middle School; Lakewood High School's Horticulture Learning Lab; Westlake Center for Community Services Operating Fund; Westlake Porter Public Library; Cleveland Botanical Gardens Green Corps Project; and the Nature Conservancy, to name a few.

We hope everyone will join us on Sept. 18 at Westwood Country Club and help the Westlake Garden Club celebrate 50 years in the community. Tickets are \$30, which includes valet parking. Please call 440-892-1861 now to reserve tickets. ●

Artists' demonstrations add interest to art show at WPPL

BY LOUISE SEEHOLZER

The Community of Fine Arts Juried Art Show, which opened August 5 at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, not only offers a record-breaking number of original works for the public to view, but it is also showcasing demonstrations by artists who have entries in the show. These working presentations take place in the lobby of the library during the show, which runs through August 17.

On Aug. 5, artists Tom Hemsath and Eileen Dorsey gave demonstrations. The remaining schedule of demonstrations is as follows:

- Aug 6, 9 a.m. to noon: Dani Marinucci
- Aug. 7, 9 a.m. to noon: Debra Soleck

- Aug. 7, 1 to 4 p.m.: John Weedon
- Aug. 8, 1 to 4 p.m.: Bob Parry
- Aug. 9, 9 a.m. to noon: Ken Marshall
- Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to noon: Paul Colander
- Aug. 10, 1 to 4 p.m.: Bill Mannion
- Aug. 12, 9 a.m. to noon: Paul Johanni
- Aug. 12, 1 to 4 p.m.: Don Brodke
- Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to noon: Bernie D'Ettore
- Aug. 13, 1 to 4 p.m.: Barbara Hall
- Aug. 14, 1 to 4 p.m.: Ben Hoffman
- Aug. 15, 9 a.m. to noon: Gerry and Joyce Wolf
- Aug 17, 9 a.m. to noon: Janine Beleski.

The Community of Fine Arts show and the artists' demonstrations are sponsored by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council and are provided free to the public. ●

Find out how well you can spell at Porter Library

BY ELAINE WILLIS

Westlake Porter Public Library is challenging all great spellers and word lovers to find out how well they can spell by entering the Fourth Annual Friends of Porter Library Spelling Bee. The Bee will take place on Thursday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. It is open to teams of four to six, which can be composed of families, friends, neighbors, co-workers – anyone who wants to spell together. Teams compete for bragging rights as the West Shore's

best spellers.

Entry information and a word list are available at the library now. The competition takes place in a format similar to that of the National Spelling Bee, with an official pronouncer, word definitions and derivation available on request. Teams will be allowed to select their team speller for each round and consult with one another before spelling the word in play.

For more information or to register please call the library at 440-871-2600 or visit www.westlakelibrary.org. ●

Tri-Bay Golf Classic a huge success

BY AL NELSON

This year's Tri-Bay Golf Classic was a huge success, reaching the second-highest attendance in the event's 13-year history. The cooperating weather was simply splendid. Fifty-one groups (200 golfers) teed off on Friday, June 14, at Sweetbriar Golf Course in Avon Lake. The fundraiser netted a over \$9,000 which generated \$2,600 for each of the host groups: the Bay Alumni Foundation, the Bay Village Education Foundation and the Bay Rockets Athletic Boosters. A very big thank you goes out to all of our golfing participants, sponsors, donors, advertisers and, of course, our wonderful volunteers!

First place for the men (-17) went to the team of Jeremiah Smith, Jason Kotlinski, Sam Gedeon and Andy O'Dell. First place for the women (E) went to the team of Cindy Griffiths-Novak (BHS '82), Peggy Liberatore (BHS '83), Annette Zeldin and Faythe Mitchell. The individual special contest winners were – Men's Long Drive: Bill Pawson, Tim Majewski (BHS '07) and Jeremiah Smith; Men's Closest to the Pin: Mitch Ulanski (BHS '04), Kyle Wilkinson and Steve Steinhilber (former BHS golf coach); Women's Long Drive: Peg Liberatore (BHS '83), Jennie Mace and Kristine DeWitt Jones (BHS '99); Women's Closest to the Pin: Nicki St Vincent, Kari Nelson (BHS '98) and Stacey Robinson.

The Longest Putt award went to Peg Liberatore (BHS '83), Mark Brabant (BHS '82) and Chris Wochna. The Putting Contest winner was Sean McAndrews (BMS principal). There were two skins team winners: Mark Brabant (BHS '82), Todd Austinson

(BHS '82), Steve Keller (BHS '82) and Tom Chonko; and Don DeWitt, Kristine DeWitt Jones (BHS '99), Dave DeWitt (BHS '87) and Stacey Robinson. Congratulations to all of this year's winners! And especially to all of you hacks, er ... golfers for again supporting this year's outing.

A special thank you is extended to the Tri-Bay golf committee: Maynard Bauer (former Bay schools superintendent), Mark Brabant (BHS '82), Jim Cahoon (former BHS principal), Dwight Clark, Bob Gerlach, Ryan Haley (BHS '89), Paul Hartranft (BHS '64), Gary Heldt (BHS '73), Mark Hofelich (BHS '98), Kevin Jakub (BMS asst. principal), Evan Kauker (BHS '00), Steve Kowalski (Bay Rockets president), Bill Landers (BHS '78), Dan Lunoe (BHS '00), Bill McCoy, Scott McManamon (BHS '98), Mark Mutch (BHS '79), Al Nelson (BHS '62), Wayne Reese (BHS '56), Ron Rutt (BHS '00), Rhonda Schneider, Matt Spellman (BHS Athletic Director), Chip Sherman (BHS '00) and Steve Steinhilber (former BHS counselor).

Also a very special thank you to our wonderful golf event volunteers: Ellie Bricmont, Nancy Clark, Jack Fuehrer (BHS '49), Chrissy Hartranft (BHS '85), Marsha Irvine, Jack Karcher (BHS '57), Bill Landers (BHS '78), Jacquie Mayer, Kevin Missal (BHS '87), Mark Mutch (BHS '79), Meredith Myatt, Lynn Lunoe, Lynne Nelson (former BMS secretary), Kathy Outcalt (BHS '77), Jessie Reilly, Tom Roehl (BHS '55), Rhonda Schneider and Bev Walborn.

Mark your calendar for next year's golf outing: Friday, June 13, 2014 at Sweetbriar Golf Course. ●

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- Check your facts. Take the extra time to ensure accuracy.
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- Be respectful of others.

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Voters' Guide 2013

Bay Village Primary

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Absentee Voting Begins: August 6
Voter Registration Deadline: August 12
LWV Candidates' Night: August 13

Election Day: Sept. 10
Polls Open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Bay Village Mayor Term: 4 years Salary: \$81,153 (2014) \$86,120 (2017)	Questions for Bay Village mayoral candidates: 1. State revenues are declining and inheritance funds have been spent. Outline your plans to offset losses. Be specific as to measures you recommend	to balance the budget. 2. When are regionalization and collaboration arrangements with adjoining cities appropriate? State your view on regionalization of the Fire Department. 3. Building inspection has been contracted out. What	other city services would you contract out in order to reduce expenses? 4. What are the most important issues facing the city? 5. What is your vision of what Bay Village will be like in ten years?	6. What is your management style and how will you work with City Council? Answers to all questions are available to view and download on the Observer website at www.wbvobserver.com.
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Bachelors Degree in History and Political Science; Juris Doctor, Ohio Northern University. Since returning to Bay in 1999, I have been involved with Girl Scouts, The Good Neighbor Program (Treasurer), PTA Scholarship Auction, and the League of Women Voters. I am honest, can balance a budget and

negotiate.
RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS
1. Balancing the budget: I will review all departments and areas to find potential savings and eliminate waste. Cities, like residents, cannot spend more than their income. Even the smallest change, turning off lights, reducing fuel consumption, reducing water usage, changing trash collection, can bring savings. Also, one needs to see where there is waste. Do we need this? Is it necessary? I would start by refusing the raise and parking

the car. The county is now offering a variety of services that could be useful in reducing costs and the city should explore availing itself of these services.
2. Regionalization: Regionalization and collaboration arrangements are appropriate where the interests of the city and its residents are protected. These arrangements must be conducted in an open and transparent manner, increase or maintain the level of services, increase efficiency and reduce costs. As to the fire department regionalization I

would be in favor if the above requirements were met and strict standards regarding service, protection of citizens and fire personnel were established. Additionally the actual regionalization should be accomplished in a deliberate manner with each stage explained to all parties involved.

MARTY MACE
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION
My career has been dedicated to serving the public at the local and state level. A paramedic for 37 years, the last 24 were with the Bay Village Fire Dept. I was appointed by Gov. Voinovich to the Ohio EMS Board and served for 5 years. I am a member of Saint Raphael's Parish and have owned a small business.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS
1. Balancing the budget: I will focus on budgets that include realistic revenue estimates and reflect all city costs, eliminating year-end "surprises". A five-year capital improvement plan will be developed for building, road and infrastructure maintenance; spending will be based on how projects align with city goals, priorities and legal obligations. Any major building project will be brought before the voters for approval. Capital equipment replacement and ve-

hicle purchases will be rigorously evaluated and scheduled based on need. Shared purchases of costly equipment will be researched. Shared services through the County, (Human Resources, Information Technology) will be evaluated and implemented as appropriate.
2. Regionalization: Regionalization and collaboration are desirable when costs can be reduced or contained while maintaining or improving the quality of service to residents. Spreading the cost of seldom used, yet still necessary,

specialty safety teams is an appropriate use of collaborative arrangement. Only four cities remain from the original Fire Department study of 2010, and the cities with the highest population density (Lakewood) and largest area (North Ridgeville) have dropped out skewing all relevant data. Bay is at a distinct disadvantage because of its location and residential nature. With 30% of our population 55 and older, rapid EMS response is critical.

DEBORAH L. SUTHERLAND
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION
A Bay native and Mayor of Bay Village for the past 13 years, I have the education, experience and leadership skills necessary to get the best value for our \$27 million budget. With a Masters in Public Administration from Cleveland State and 14 years of retail and human resources management experience, I

supervise 100 employees and five bargaining units.
RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS
1. Balancing the budget: We are anticipating a 2014 budget shortfall of \$250,000 because of funding changes from Columbus. While significant, this is the smallest shortfall we have had in several years. We will continue to balance our budget by cutting costs and by not replacing expected retirees next year. This strategy will allow us to balance the budget without asking for

more sacrifices from our employees and their families. Over the past five years, I have managed harsh economic times by decreasing Bay's expenditures by 4.42% percent while maintaining services. Thankfully, we believe the worst of the economic crisis is behind us.
2. Regionalization: Escalating personnel and equipment costs at the Fire Department are not sustainable without significant tax increases, so a regionalized approach certainly warrants a good, hard look. The Westshore com-

munities are a statewide model for efficiency due to collaborative efforts such as sharing SWAT, Central Dispatch and the Rocky River Waste Treatment Plant. The big issue to explore is cost. Service sharing only makes sense when it contains or reduces costs while providing the same (or improved) service levels. We should continue to explore where we can find similar savings strategies with fire services.

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I have served the citizens of Bay Village for 33 years as a Police Officer and 17 years as a Building Inspector. I have mentored troubled youth in the community and helped those less fortunate through the "Good Neighbor Program". Both public service careers required me to be a problem solver in a fair and

impartial manner.
RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS
1. Balancing the budget: Council is working on the 2014 budget as we speak and I am confident that council can balance it with current revenues. With that said, other areas I propose to help reduce expenditures would be to look at internal re-organization of all departments including upper levels of management and salaries. We need to review the "we always did it that way" mentality of spending. Leasing equipment

on an as-needed basis rather than a one-time large expenditure may reduce some costs. I also believe that it is more prudent to consider preventative maintenance programs instead of waiting to problems become serious.
2. Regionalization: I am opposed to regionalizing services at this time. We are Bay Village! The taxes we pay are in place to take care of our citizens. Regionalizing the Fire service will not reduce those taxes. Before we regionalize, we should look at re-organizing our city depart-

ments first. Collaboration with other cities is more appropriate when needing a unified voice when approaching the Federal, State or County governments. Collaboration is good when needing to make large, common use purchases. Our community currently enjoys mutual aid contracts with other cities. When police or fire needs assistance, the help is there. Why regionalize?

This Voters' Guide was assembled by members of the League of Women Voters - Cuyahoga Area, Bay Village Chapter.
• We selected the questions and placed word limits on the responses.
• Candidates' responses are printed verbatim, up to the word limit.
• We chose the order of presentation by lot.

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BURNESON

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The middle school is the first new building to open as a result of the bond issue passed by voters in 2010 to upgrade Westlake City Schools facilities. Next will come the opening of the new high school later this year.

Undertaking a major rebuilding program is a long process and requires input from the community, thoughtful planning and ultimately voter approval. In his remarks during the LBMS dedication ceremony, Board of Education President Tom Mays reflected on the long road to completion.

"Like everything else we do in this district, we wanted to begin by having a process to follow. That process would allow us to understand the needs, understand the community's desires, and determine what is the most cost-effective way to achieve the end product," Mays said. "We began by exploring our options. Multiple facility surveys were taken and reviewed, hundreds of community members were asked to be involved, provide input, and thousands upon thousands of hours were spent gathering data before a recommendation was even brought before the Board of Education."

Superintendent Dr. Dan Keener invited the those assembled for the dedication to tour the new school and was thankful to the city's voters, saying: "I'm so excited for the days to come. When students and volunteers and parents and teachers and staff and administrators breathe life into this building. That's what's great about a school

building, and our community recognizes that and I thank you for that. And I invite you back because it's your school, it's your building, it's what you value. I'm thrilled tonight about the dedication of our new building, but I'm even more excited about the statement it makes about the role our schools play in ensuring that Westlake remains an excellent community."

The campaign to pass the bond issue that made the new school construction possible was spearheaded by residents who formed the Citizens for Westlake Schools. Cathy Axcell, co-chair of the citizens group, addressed the first class of students to attend the new Lee Burneson Middle School.

"There is nothing like the sense of accomplishment you feel when you step up for the schools in your community," Axcell said. "To the students, who will be the first to be educated in this excel-

lent facility, you were third- and fourth-graders when Westlake supported the building of this new school. How exciting to be the first seven- and eighth-graders in this building! Part of the Westlake City Schools' mission states that your school educate you to contribute to society. It's my hope that you find careers that are

fulfilling and successful. I also hope that you will take your talents and make a difference in your community long after you are students here."

If the new students follow her lead, Westlake's future certainly will be bright and shiny, just like their new middle school. ●



Cathy Axcell, co-chair of Citizens for Westlake Schools, the committee that led the drive for the school construction bond issue, applauds the hard work of the group's volunteers.



Eighth-grader Grace Martello describes the features of the new music room at Lee Burneson Middle School to Superintendent Dan Keener and Tom Fox, husband of former board of education president, Pat Fox, during the new school's July 30 ribbon-cutting and tour.



Visitors tour the new media center at Lee Burneson Middle School.

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The Concrete Chronicles, part VIII: Concession

BY RACHEL POLANIEC

A war over roses was waged; we fought long and hard, that mold and I, over those two little rose bushes. Mold is a black-hearted knave, it fights with a cloak and dagger. It encroached upon my rose bushes, and overtook their leaves.

It preyed first on one then spread to the other; I overtook it before it completely overran them both, but lo! it was too late. My spraying, my pruning, my tears and triumphs, all for naught. I routed the enemy, and sent it retreating back from whence it came. But my rose, oh, my poor little rose, it did not long bask in the glory of victory, before it shuffled off this mortal coil.

I did pause, for now I had but one consolation, for one rose did yet survive. I vowed no mold would further encroach upon it. To my own word, was I true, and yet! 'twas not enough, for no sooner had I been done congratulating myself on a defense well-made than a new arrow appeared on the horizon.

Oh cruel hand of fate! For those leaves that had once withstood the smothering embrace of mold now lay eviscerated, devastated by the insatiable appetite of Japanese beetles. This would not do. To the armory



PHOTO BY RACHEL POLANIEC

A hole offers the only evidence that a rose once grew in this spot – victor of mold, victim of beetles.

at Walmart I flew, my weapon of choice, Bug-B-Gone, mixed with a burning desire for *revenge*. These beetles would feel my wrath; the righteous anger brought upon by the whips and scorns of mold and *Popillia japonica*. The bugs made gone, driven away and kept at bay by the mighty red spray bottle I kept by my side; I surveyed the damage.

The flower of youth had dropped from the stem of my beloved little rose. No longer fair and innocent, but ravaged by the steady onward march of time. We had weathered the storm and come through, battered and bruised. Stronger, yes; determined, still more; but keenly aware of where we had been and the one we had lost. Yet still we press on, forevermore, perhaps to stumble, perchance to fall, always to continue.

A hole remains where the other once grew. It has still to be replaced. I have none, no other to fill the empty space. I will supplant it soon, but not yet. A little more time to grieve, time to remember. A garden is forever growing, changing, dying and being reborn.

And the cycle marches on. ●

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Chiropractic tools can give a winning edge

BY DR. ANTHONY DEMARIA

Whether you play for the Cleveland Indians, participate on your local school team, or are a person who loves to be active, there are a few things that you should know to stay at the top of your game! The secret to getting to the top and staying there is "Chiropractic."

Chiropractic is a growing part of athletes looking to reach peak performance. Exercise physiologist Sean Atkins said in an article in *Pathways to Family Wellness* magazine, "I would estimate that in excess of 90% of all world-class athletes use Chiropractic care to prevent injuries and to increase their performance potential."

Chiropractic helps to improve function by making sure that our bodies are free of interference physically, chemically and emotionally. Our physical bodies are so important to optimal health and by making sure our bodies are in the proper alignment peak athletic performance is attainable. Chemically our bodies need to be supported with the proper nutrients and foods in order to maintain healing and function while getting the most out

of every sprint, bike ride and golf outing. Emotional health is often overlooked but is critical within athletes because stress can manifest itself into our physical bodies.

By addressing areas that are stopping us from achieving maximum success physically, chemically and emotionally, Chiropractic can help get us to the next level. Some of the athletes that promote Chiropractic include Usain Bolt, Sidney Crosby, Emmitt Smith, Jerry Rice and many more.

If you are looking to get the most out of your athletic performance I encourage you to start with "move well, eat well and think well." Motion is the key to life, and I encourage you to do some sort of physical activity for at least 20 minutes a day. Eating well includes focusing on nutrient-rich foods that help support your body during rigorous physical activity and reducing processed foods high in artificial additives. Thinking well is as simple as having a positive outlook on life no matter if you are on the bench or nursing a shoulder injury. If you have been searching for the winning edge Chiropractic can help propel you to the next level. ●

Dr. Anthony DeMaria is a chiropractor in Westlake.



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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

BY ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesday, August 7 (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, August 7 (2-4 p.m.) SOLAR COOKING – We’ll use recycled materials to make an oven that cooks with the power of the sun! You’ll even get to make some treats in your oven! Grades 4-8.

Wednesday, August 7 (7-8:30 p.m.) INTRODUCTION TO FINDING FUNDERS – Learn how to use Foundation Directory Online, the database in which you can search to find funders for your nonprofit organization. Please register.

Thursday, August 8 (10 a.m.-noon) DAYTIME ASTRONOMY – View the Sun through a solar-safe telescope. With luck, Earth’s Moon will also be visible. Telescope(s) will be set up on the sidewalk not far from the library’s main entrance. Cloudy skies will cancel this outdoor event.

Thursday, August 8 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – The August selection is “Born to Rise” by Deborah Kenny.

Friday, August 9 (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. Siblings welcome! Registration begins one week before each session.

Friday, August 9 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) IPAD USERS GROUP – Share

easy tips with other iPad users. Please bring your iPad with you. Please register.

Friday, August 9 (7-7:45 p.m.) THOMAS ALVA EDISON – Join us for an evening with the famed inventor, and get a look at his early chemistry experiments and those leading to some of his most famous inventions. All ages.

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

Saturday, August 10 (10:15-10:45 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.

Saturday, August 10 (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. No registration.

Tuesday, August 13 (10 a.m.-noon) IMPROVING INTERVIEWING SKILLS – Preparation is the essential ingredient for a successful job interview. It starts with research to be sure the job is right for you and that you are well qualified, learning as much as possible about the company and the job, and then preparing to answer difficult and probing questions. Come and learn to discover what the employer needs so that your answers will differentiate you from other candidates.

Tuesday, August 13 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – This month we’ll discuss “The Deep

Blue Sea for Beginners” by Luanne Rice.

Tuesday, August 13 (7-8:45 p.m.) THE CIVIL WAR IN NORTHERN OHIO – Local historian/author John Vacha will focus on life on the home front in Cleveland during the Civil War. Special focus: the role played behind the front line by women and the Soldiers Aid Society. Please register.

Wednesday, August 14 (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, August 14 (2-3:30 p.m.) LET’S BUILD! – Explore your architectural side as we build with a variety of bricks and blocks. Grades K-5. Registration begins August 7.

Thursday, August 15 (1-6 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY: OZ MARATHON – We’re off to see the wizard... at the library! August 15 marks the 74th anniversary of “The Wizard of Oz” movie premiere. Come watch the newest film, “Oz the Great and Powerful,” followed by the classic “The Wizard of Oz.” All films are rated PG. All ages welcome. In accordance with library policy children under age 9 must have a parent/adult guardian present. Registration begins August 8.

Saturday, August 17 (2-3:30 p.m.) MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION – The Westlake-Westshore Arts Council presents the Fine Arts Show artists.

Saturday, August 17 (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, August 17 (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. Registration begins one week before each program.

Monday, August 19 (3-4:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS – While you wait for school to start, combat that boredom with arts, crafts or a game! Open for all ages; children under 9 must be with a grown-up. No registration.

Monday, August 19 (6:30-7:30 p.m.) COLORED COW CREATION CELEBRATION – Celebrate the creation of the Black Cow (Root Beer Float), which occurred on August 19, 1893. Program includes history, science and taste testing of many delicious flavor combinations! Grades 1-3. Registration begins August 12.

Tuesday, August 20 (10 a.m.-noon) NETWORKING EFFECTIVELY – People are your single greatest resource in a job search and networking helps you reach those people. Getting to talk to a decision-maker often depends on who you know. Learning how to build a network of “business friends” is essential to uncover hidden job opportunities and to learn more about companies and their cultures. Your network helps you gather important information about industries, trends and new career fields, so that you can present yourself effectively to your next employer. Learn how to build and maintain business relationships that will assist you in your current search and throughout your career.

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

Compeer volunteering a good fit for college students, retirees

BY DENISE AYRES

The Compeer Program at Far West Center offers a unique volunteering experience. All that is required in Compeer volunteering is four hours per month, conversation and friendship. Among our group of valuable volunteers are college students with challenging schedules and retirees that schedule around many family and social obligations. Compeer offers individual flexibility in planning volunteer time. Compeer also offers an enriching life experience for both students and seniors alike.

Compeer volunteering offers college students an opportunity to learn about mental health recovery. No previous knowledge about mental health issues or services is required. Volunteer training starts at a level agreed upon between the volunteer candidate and the Compeer Program Coordinator. All volunteers are given ongoing staff support.

Volunteers are matched one to one with a same gender adult.

Counted among our current volunteers are students at Cleveland State University, the Mandel School of Social Work at Case Western Reserve University, University of Phoenix and the Adler School of Professional Psychology. Students learn about mental health and recovery beyond what any course textbook can provide. As one volunteer stated, “becoming a friend with a woman working on her recovery has shown me mental health issues from a personal angle. Her attitude and spirit are amazing!”

College students interested in volunteering for Compeer do not need to be psychology majors. Compeer may be an ideal program for students majoring in communications or in health care. Students of any major that have a friendly smile and compassion can learn to be in a Compeer

Friendship Match.

Retirees make excellent Compeer volunteers! Individuals in recovery benefit greatly by the way Senior Volunteers share experiences and wisdom with their matches. Our Senior Volunteers also demonstrate examples of graceful but effective ways to manage life’s challenges. Compeer is fortunate to have among our volunteers persons retired from teaching, science labs, chemical engineering, the National Labor Relations Board, dentistry, factory inspection, assisted living

facilities, retail and accounting.

In return, Compeer offers retired men and women a social and fun organization to be part of. Compeer offers a quarterly schedule with a variety of facilitated activities for our Compeer Friendship Matches. In addition Compeer volunteering is a meaningful and rewarding way to spend free time and help others who truly appreciate it.

A gentleman Compeer member matched with one of our senior volunteers said “I believe you are the best friend

I ever had. You care about me and you tease me and make me laugh.” His match volunteer replied: “That is what makes it all worthwhile for me.”

The Compeer Program has a lot to offer for college age students and men and women retired from their professions. The flexible scheduling Compeer offers can fit into the schedule of members from Tri-C to AARP! If you are interested in becoming a Compeer volunteer please call the Compeer Office at 440-835-6212, ext. 242. Questions welcome. ●

WANTED The Bay Village Auxiliary Police are seeking new members.

Requirements are: Age 21 or older, male or female, in good health.

The Auxiliary Police serve in special and emergency situations. Activities include duty at sporting events, parades, traffic control, storms and other occasions in which extra manpower is needed.

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Please call Chief Holliday at **440-871-1234** for further information.

Bay High alumni to perform at Savannah

BY ERIC EAKIN

Bay Village was recently named one of the best communities for music education, and the talents of two Bay High alumni and the daughter of another will be featured Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Savannah Bar & Grille.

Bay High alumni Susan Fletcher and Robert Lloyd Peeples, along with Rachel Roberts, daughter of Bay High alumna Catherine Robison-Ranney, will present an evening of music at The Savannah Bar & Grille, 30676 Detroit Road, Westlake, starting at 8 p.m.

The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation dubbed Bay Village one of 307 communities in the U.S. accredited with "2013 Best Community for Music Education."

"In celebration of this designation, we would like to show the community where a good foundation in music education can take you," Fletcher said. "The evening will be filled with

rock, jazz, blues, folk and everything in between."

Fletcher will headline the evening with her hard rock, blues band Scarlet & the Harlots. Described as "Janis Joplin meets jazz" by local Cleveland club owners, the band will perform original music as well as old classics from artists such as Muddy Waters, Jefferson Airplane and even Iron Maiden. Their take on the Dolly Parton classic "Jolene" is now available on iTunes.

Electro-acoustic singer-songwriter Peeples has shared the stage with artists such as Woodstock legend Country Joe McDonald and Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket. Robert's music is described as "eclectic" and influences such as Paul Simon and Elliot Smith.

Roberts plays sultry retro jazz pop. Born in the underground rock factory of Akron, Ohio, Rachel turned her opera singing pedigree on its head and has been belting out her quixotic cocktail reminiscent of Feist, Joss Stone and a splash of Sade. ●

'The Sky's the Limit' at Porter Public Library

BY ELAINE WILLIS

Dr. Jeanne Bishop has donated a sculpture to Westlake Porter Public Library. Bishop commissioned the work, entitled "The Sky's the Limit," to honor her husband, Dr. Allan R. Bishop and his passion for learning and knowledge. The sculpture was created by artist Donald Lundstrom of North Canton. It was installed on the wall overlooking the Information Desk in late July.

The sculpture conveys the powerful idea that with education we can achieve great things. Through the sharing of knowledge, Dr. Allan R. Bishop worked to instill in Westlake's youth an interest in science and technology and the ideal that each generation teaches the next that the "Sky's the Limit."

Dr. Allan R. Bishop was an aerospace engineer at NASA Glenn Research Center from 1969 to 2005. In that capacity he helped to solve many problems, including how to dock the NASA Space Shuttle

with the International Space Station (ISS). He also volunteered many hours of technical help at the Westlake Schools Planetarium and spent years coaching Westlake High School students in numerous Science Olympiad events and directing Olympiad competitions at the regional and state levels.

"We are honored that Dr. Bishop chose the library as the place to house this special piece," said Library Director Andrew Mangels. "I'm sure it will inspire library visitors for years to come." ●



The sculpture "The Sky's the Limit," which is installed on the wall above the library's Information Desk, was donated by Dr. Jeanne Bishop in honor of her husband.



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Elks Lodge gives grant to D.A.R.E. program

BY KEN ERMILICH

The Lakewood Elks #1350, as part of the national organization The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE), was established in Lakewood in 1918. We moved to Westlake 10 years ago and now proudly call the lodge on Center Ridge our permanent home. The Elks were established in 1868 by a group of men hoping to make a difference in their community.

More than 140 years later the impact that this organization has had extends to over one million men and women members and in excess of 2,000 communities across this great nation. The Elks National Foundation (ENF) is the charitable arm of our organization.

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objec-

tives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Over the last two years, one of the ENF projects, our annual soccer shoot, has grown into a huge success in the Westlake area. The presence of our Drug Awareness Trailer at the event has encourage a fast growing relationship between the Lakewood Elks #1350 and the Westlake D.A.R.E. program.

It seemed fitting to award this year's \$2,000 Gratitude Grant to that program. This was made possible with the assistance of Stan Soja, our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (aka, district president), as well as Elks member and Westlake auxiliary police officer Rick Grane and ENF chair Julie Linder. This is hopefully just the start of a very successful and productive relationship between the Elks #1350 and the Westlake D.A.R.E. program.

More Information about the Elks and The Elks National Foundation can be found at www.elks.org.

Ken Ermlich is a Past Exalted Ruler of the Lakewood Elks #1350 in Westlake.



PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

The Elks Lodge #1350 presented the Westlake D.A.R.E. program with a \$2,000 grant on July 25. Pictured, from left: Ken Ermlich, Jim Basey, Maria Gregg, Stan Soja, Keith Duffy, Mayor Dennis Clough, Officer Keenan Cook, Police Chief Richard Walling, D.A.R.E. Officer Ken Delfing, Julie Linder and Rick Grane.

History of words and phrases

Compiled by Dennis Pell and Dave Scullin

Instamatic: Name of a Kodak camera. Also to mean to do immediately, right now; to do without hesitation. Rocky Balboa used this term in the first "Rocky" movie.

It's all Greek to me: Is used to mean that something is completely unintelligible to the speaker. Greek being a particularly tricky language to grasp because of its different alphabet.

Throw one's hat into the ring: To enter a contest or to become a candidate for office. An early 19th-century boxing custom to show you wanted to fight. Teddy Roosevelt used the saying in 1912 when he announced his candidacy for president.



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Bay Music Boosters coming soon to your door

Bay Music Boosters will hold their annual Door-to-Door Membership Drive on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Bay High School students who are in the Marching Band, Orchestra and Rockettes will be going door to door asking Bay Village residents to support them through purchasing a membership or by making any monetary donation. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible.

Last year's funding was used to purchase uniforms, racks and boxes for the Marching Band hats and Hooplas for the Rockettes. Food for the Marching Band and Rockettes was provided at home games by the Boosters. They also provided funds for contest fees, instrument repairs and purchases, instrumental technician fees for the various programs and they also awarded College and Summer Camp Scholarships to select participating students.

The Membership Drive is the

main fundraiser that helps support all the wonderful music programs offered throughout all of Bay schools.

Marching Band and Orchestra students will be dressed in their blue polos and the Rockettes will be in their uniforms during the Membership Drive. If you are not home, a flyer will be left in your door. You can also visit the website at www.baymusicboosters.com for more information and to access the membership flyer.

Bay Music Boosters is a volunteer, nonprofit organization established to support and promote Bay Village Public Schools' fine music education program. Over 700 students from the fourth to 12th grades enroll each year in orchestra, jazz, band, choral and Rockette programs. Bay Village Schools' music program has been named as one of the "Best 100 Music Communities in America" since 2003.

Please help support Bay students and this great organization! ●

ONE SENIOR'S OPINION

Dwyer Center offers full slate of summer activities

BY DIANNE BOROWSKI

Beat the August heat and head to the air conditioned Dwyer Senior Center for some fun-filled activities. On Thursday, Aug. 8, the Lunch Bunch will enjoy some good food and good company at Nelly Belly, a restaurant at the Emerald Necklace Marina in the Metroparks. This group meets once a month to experience the different cuisine of area restaurants. Your input is always appreciated. If you have a favorite dining place, let us know. The Lunch Bunch will do their best to get you there on the second Thursday of the month.

On Friday, Aug. 9, a trip to the West Side Market is planned. Visit one of Cleveland's most popular landmarks. You'll enjoy the sights and sounds which lend an ethnic flavor to the experience. You can purchase freshly grown local produce or any number of delicious pastries. The group will choose a restaurant for lunch and then stop at Sweet Moses Fountain and Treat Shop for some delicious ice cream or other awesome treats.

On Friday, Aug. 16, a presentation,

the ABC's of Diabetes, will be offered. Learn about diabetes and enjoy some simple chair exercises, take home healthy recipes and learn how to access the latest information on diabetes via several websites. A healthy lifestyle is essential to the treatment of diabetes and you will receive many tips on how to live well with diabetes. Caregivers are also welcome.

Friday, Aug. 23, is the highlight of the Center's summer activities. Visit the Great Lakes Science Center Titanic Exhibit. Experience the splendor of the world's largest passenger ship at that time. View representations of the huge reception rooms, the elaborate furniture and elegant dining areas. You will attend an Omnimax movie about the Titanic. If you enjoyed the Hollywood movie "The Titanic," you won't want to miss this close-up look at the entire Titanic adventure.

The Dwyer Senior Center serves seniors from Bay Village and surrounding areas. If you're looking for something to do and would like to form new friendships, the Dwyer Center is the place for you. Call Shirley at 440-899-3442 for further information. ●

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Westlake High welcomes new assistant principal

BY KIM BONVISSUTO

David J. Schindler, a building coordinator with Positive Education Program (PEP) Ireland in Cleveland, a specialized school for students with special needs, was named the new Westlake High School assistant principal.

At PEP, Schindler was a peer coach, providing internal professional development training for the agency. He helped to establish and run a program for community-based service learning projects for students and was the point liaison for the agency with resource groups in the Central neighborhood of Cleveland.

Schindler also is an adjunct faculty member at Cleveland State University in the Teacher Education/Special Education Department, and was part of the PEP Curriculum and Program Development Team and a Therapy Crisis Intervention agency trainer.

Prior to serving as coordinator for two years at PEP, Schindler was an assistant to the coordinator and a teacher-counselor. He also was an instructor in Conflict Resolution Education Training for Educators at Temple University and CSU.

Schindler earned his undergraduate degree in psychology from The Ohio State University, a master's degree in curriculum



New WHS assistant principal Dave Schindler

and instruction moderate-intensive needs from CSU, and his educational administration license from Ursuline College. He is a National Board Certified teacher, as well as an Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and Ohio Principal Evaluation System credentialed evaluator.

"We have been fortunate to have had a number of outstanding assistant

principals at WHS, and we are looking forward to having Dave add to that tradition," said Superintendent Dr. Daniel J. Keenan Jr. "He comes with an exceptional instructional background, and having served successfully as a building coordinator he brings with him strong leadership skills. We are very excited about his continuous improvement mindset and how he fits to ensure we succeed in fulfilling our mission to educate for excellence."

Schindler said he was drawn to the tradition and respect of Westlake as a premier school district.

"This is an excellent opportunity for me to contribute to a great district," he said.

Schindler lives in Avon Lake with his wife, Beth, and their children Anna, 12, Jack, 10, and Danielle, 3. He replaces Vishtasp Nuggud, who recently accepted a position as principal of Learwood Middle School in Avon Lake. ●

Waiver days change Westlake school schedule

BY KIM BONVISSUTO

As part of the State of Ohio's initiative to encourage best practices and innovative programming, school districts working on new teaching and testing standards, as well as school safety practices, were able to apply for waiver days for the upcoming school year to provide additional time to train staff. As part of the Westlake City School District's commitment to excellence, district administrators created a district-wide plan for staff development that focuses on targeted initiatives and areas of improvement in each building. To implement that plan, the district requested and just received approval for three waiver days, which will slightly change the upcoming school calendar.

The waiver days are: Sept. 3, 2013; Jan. 6, 2014; and Feb. 14, 2014. On these three days, school will not be in session so staff

members can participate in professional development to identify and explore ways in which curriculum, assessment and programming can be appropriately blended while meeting the needs of all students. The district will share training, collaboration strategies and instructional strategies across grade levels and disciplines.

Westlake High School students will participate in a student orientation day on Tuesday, Sept. 3. WHS seniors and freshmen will attend orientation from 8 to 9:30 a.m. WHS sophomores and juniors will attend orientation from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

WHS administration will send out a mailing on Aug. 9 providing information on traffic patterns, parking, senior privilege and medical forms.

The online portal for high school schedules will be open on Aug. 28. Students can print their schedules at home and bring them to orientation on Sept. 3, or they can pick up schedules from Aug. 28 to Sept. 3 at the high school. At this time the building will not be open for students to walk through until the Sept. 3 orientation day.

The first day of school for all students will be Wednesday, Sept. 4. ●



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Bay Village Volunteer Fair offers opportunity to give back

Twenty-four civic groups were on hand at the first Bay Cares Volunteer Fair at the Bay Village Branch Library on Aug. 3. The event allowed visitors to speak with representatives from the myriad non-profit organizations in Bay to find a match with their interests.



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'Bell, Book & Candle' continues Huntington Playhouse's season

BY TOM MEYROSE

The 2013 Huntington Playhouse continues with a production of the classic comedy "Bell, Book & Candle." This production opens Aug. 15 and runs through Sept. 8 with performances on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. with one Sunday matinee on Sept. 8 at 2 p.m. It is directed by Chuck Tisdale.

Set in New York, Gillian Holroyd is one of the few modern people who can actually cast spells and perform feats of

supernaturalism. She casts a spell over an unattached publisher, Shepherd Henderson, partly to keep him away from a rival and partly because she is attracted to him. He falls head over heels in love with her at once and wants to marry her. But witches, unfortunately, cannot fall in

love, and this minute imperfection leads into a number of comedic difficulties.

Huntington Playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Road in Bay Village and is an official affiliate of the Cleveland Metroparks. For reservations to any production, call 440-871-8333. ●

Cahoon Park gazebo gets garden upgrade

BY KARLA MUSSULIN

The Bay Village Garden Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the beautification of Bay Village. Each summer our members plant and maintain the welcome signs, two gardens at City Hall, the planters of Dover Center, the Seascape on Lake Road and the garden surrounding the Gazebo in Cahoon Park.

This summer the club sponsored the building of a stone wall surrounding the gazebo garden. For years there has been a drainage problem that caused the sidewalks to be muddy. The problem has been solved, sidewalks clean, and the area looks fantastic. ●



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AFRICA

from front page

But there are also parts of South Africa that I won't miss: the poverty, the mini minivan, and not being able to walk around the neighborhood by myself because it isn't safe.

I am looking forward to seeing my friends and family. I know I wrote in January that I didn't want to go and that our seven-month stay would last forever. My mom warned me that the seven months would fly by, and I think she was actually right. The months did fly by, and now part of me doesn't want to go home! So mom please don't say I told you so, because you were right!

I will miss South Africa a lot, but I want to go home too. I will see you back in Bay soon! ●

Audrey Ray is a soon-to-be sixth-grader at Bay Middle School.

Why I'm glad I lived in South Africa (and still glad I'm coming home)

BY IAIN RAY

Top Reasons I'm Glad I Lived in South Africa:

- 1) Djembe drum lessons were so much fun!
- 2) I got to see the white lion and a leopard in the wild and that's rare and exciting!
- 3) It was fun hiking in the mountains and finding porcupine quills.
- 4) I liked watching the baboons in the wild. They are smart like humans because they can open up doors and windows.

Top Reasons Living in South Africa was Hard:

- 1) Summers are hot and houses don't have air-conditioning.
- 2) Winters are cold and houses don't have heat.
- 3) I didn't get to ride on an elephant.
- 4) I didn't like seeing all the poor people.

Top Reasons I'm Glad to Be Going Home:

- 1) I'm looking forward to seeing my friends, family, my dog and my home.
- 2) I get to read paperback books instead of my Kindle.
- 3) I can't wait to play with my toys, ride my bike and play at my house.

What I Have Learned from South Africa:

- 1) South Africa is a lot different from home. There are a lot of poor people who don't have homes. I feel bad for them because if it weren't for the Apartheid, they probably wouldn't be poor.
- 2) The rhino poaching is a big problem in South Africa. The poachers kill the rhinos to sell the horns to some people. The rhino is an endangered animal and there is a ton of "Save the Rhino" information in South Africa to make people aware. I had no idea the rhino was endangered until I lived here. It makes me feel very sad. ●

Iain Ray is a soon-to-be third-grader at Westerly Elementary.

[Editor's note: The Ray family of Bay Village – parents Brian and Kim and children Audrey, Iain, Evelyn and Adrian – have spent the last seven months living in Stellenbosch, South Africa, while Brian studied on a Fulbright Scholarship. On the eve of their return home, the four siblings paused to reflect on the experience and share their observations.]

The good and the bad about South Africa

BY EVELYN RAY

I've learned lots and lots of things in South Africa. I learned that mountains aren't pointy and just rocky but sometimes flat, curvy and has fynbos. I also thought snow was always on the top of mountains but apparently the snow has to fall on them and that doesn't happen that much in South Africa.

I learned that Native Americans aren't the only people who lived in the wild because Bushmen did too. They both used the land and the animals to survive

I learned that living in a city like Stellenbosch is noisier than Bay Village. Cars

constantly pass us and the high school students across the street have so many noisy events.

I learned many ladies here carry groceries and other stuff on their heads. They also carry babies on their backs.

I liked and didn't like being homeschooled. I didn't like it because I missed Mrs. McArn (my teacher) and my friends. I did like it because I got to see my mom all the time because I miss her when I'm at school.

I'm going to miss living in South Africa but at the same time I really want to go home. I'm looking forward to coming home and seeing my family, friends, my dog and my house. I'm also looking forward to summer. (It's winter in South Africa because it's in the Southern Hemisphere). ●

Evelyn Ray is a soon-to-be second-grader at Normandy Elementary.



The Ray siblings, Audrey, Evelyn, Iain and Adrian, in the fynbos-covered mountains of South Africa.

PHOTO BY BRIAN RAY

A preschooler's list of memories of South Africa and Bay Village

DICTATED BY ADRIAN RAY, AGE 4, TO HIS MOM, KIM

What will you remember about South Africa?

- 1) I like playing Bushmen in my garden. I made tools out of sticks and other stuff.
- 2) My favorite animals are monkeys, baboons and cheetahs.
- 3) I loved all the monkeys at Monkey Town. I liked feeding and playing with the monkeys.
- 4) I loved going on hikes at Cape Pointe.
- 5) I will miss Lecca ("awesome" in Afrikaans) Italian Gelato. It was so fun! Every

night that it was hot, we walked to it and got an ice cream cone. I wish I could have had three flavors at one time. I would have picked cinnamon, strawberry and rum raisin.

What do you miss most about home?

- 1) I love my basement with all my toys. I can't wait to play with them.
- 2) I will play with all my stuffed animals.
- 3) I will play outside on my playground.
- 4) I want to play with my dog, Hagrid, and my cousins.
- 5) I want to go to Bay Pool. ●

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BAYarts

Judy Takacs paints people

BY EILEEN STOCKDALE

Judy Takacs shows it like it is. A winner of six “Best of Show” awards in the past two years, her bold portraits capture details and expressions in vivid hues and broad strokes on generally large canvases. Focusing primarily on painting people with understanding, irony and a high degree of painterly realism; Judy sometimes stages human situations with models, who pose as actors in paintings of stories yet to be written.

Other times the stories are told through the intense and expressive lines of their faces. Judy’s work is in private collections nationally and has been recognized by the Portrait Society of America and The Art Renewal Center.

Chicks with Balls, opening Aug. 9 at BAYarts, is a provocative and edgy but thoroughly home-grown Midwestern collection of portraits celebrating everyday female courage with wisdom and fun. The ladies in Judy’s paintings have risen to a host of challenges with grace, courage and persistence. They are truly the unsung heroines of their ordinary Mid-

western lives. An integral companion to the show is a blog where the artist and her subjects tell their stories.

The collection continues to grow, and after its debut at BAYarts, the show will travel to art centers and galleries throughout the Midwest. The full breadth of this exhibit can be experienced through her blog, www.chickswithballsjudytakacs.blogspot.com; for more on Judy and her work visit www.judypaintspeople.com.

On Aug. 24-25, Judy will be teaching



her special technique at a BAYarts weekend workshop, “Oil Painting the Figure and Face with Personality and Grace,” stressing gesture and expression of the human form using a live model. Chicks With Balls runs through August. ●

WEST SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

State Rep. Nan Baker welcomes new teachers

State Representative Nan Baker will be the guest speaker Aug. 13 at the West Shore Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Westlake Holiday Inn. Each year the chamber introduces the new teachers of Westlake and Bay Village to the commu-

nity before the start of the school year. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon. Cost is \$20 per person. Please make your reservations by Friday, Aug. 9, by email to sharon@westshorechamber.org, or call the chamber office at 440-835-8787. ●

BAYarts’ Moondance goes green



BY PIXIE EMERSON

BAYarts’ Moondance fundraising event has become a West-side tradition, attracting about 1,000 guests each fall. Each year the same team of devoted volunteers fall into place to create what many call “the party of the year” for good reason.

But imagine the amount of waste a party this size generates. Each year the clean-up committee is faced with the overwhelming sight of overflowing trash bins and everything is mixed together: food, plastic and decorations. Even though BAYarts has a recycling system set up for day to day operations, this one event undermined their efforts.

“Last year was a real wake up call,” said BAYarts’ Executive Director Nancy Heaton, “so we turned to Brenda O’Reilly of Bay Village Green Team who

showed us how easy it would be to begin composting.”

Starting on a smaller scale, the Green Team was on hand at BAYarts’ Annual Art Festival in June, educating volunteers and visitors in the simplicity and ease of composting. Brenda has been working with Moondance event planners to be sure all dishware, utensils and decorations will be compostable. Participating restaurants have been given a check-list of what NOT to bring, but as it turns out, most of the restaurants are already using green materials.

Compost bins will be supplied by Rosby’s, who will then pick them up and deliver to their composting facility. And from here on in, BAYarts will be a zero-waste campus. “Once you are educated in how easy, affordable and practical it is,” says Heaton, “it’s a no-brainer.” ●

Tickets on sale August 1st at www.bayarts.net/moondance

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BAY arts

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SPORTING VIEWS

On good terms with the Browns

BY JEFF BING

As most of you are probably aware, the Cleveland Browns have started training for the 2013 NFL season. Coincidentally, it has also been brought to my attention that some of you may not fully understand the language of football, at least as it applies locally to Cleveland fans. Not to worry; that's where I come in. See, there's an important distinction between football lingo communicated in the *rest* of the world versus "football speak" as it pertains to our fair city.

As a public service, I'll take some common football terms and, after indicating what these terms mean to normal people, I'll let you in on what they *really* mean around these parts.

Snap: To non-Clevelanders, this word represents the simple hiking of the ball to a teammate, typically the quarterback. On the North Coast, however, this usually is an indicator of what Browns fans are *about* to do after checking the scoreboard and fully digesting just how bad the team is – yet again.

Interception: In other NFL cities this occurs when a pass thrown by an offensive player – once more, typically the quarterback – is grabbed by a member of the opposition's defense. In the-city-which-once-set-its-river-on-fire, however, nowadays it describes what certain employees of Browns owner Jimmy Haslam's Pilot Flying J did to rebate "passes" intended for the hands of loyal trucking customers. (Hey! Maybe we should hire some of those people as coaches of the defensive backs. That is, as soon as they get out of jail).

Safety: In NFL circles, this is

a two-point score for the defense, achieved when they tackle an offensive player in his own end zone. In these parts though, it is what the approximately dozen or so fans who *haven't* self-medicated throughout the Browns game hope for as they try to drive home, sprinkled among about sixty-some-odd thousand fans who are completely *hammered*. Seriously, they ought to line the Shoreway with bales of hay every Sunday morning the Browns have a home game.

Hash Marks: In most stadiums, they are small marks near the center of the playing field used to assist the officials in the proper placement of the ball. In Cleveland, though, it is usually in reference to what remains in Josh Gordon's bong after a full night of partying (although he'll swear up and down it's from cherry tobacco).

Down: Essentially, a down represents a chance to advance the football towards the opposition's end zone to score points. In this neck of the woods, however, it usually indicates the typical Browns fan's state of mind by halftime. Alternately, it is also used to indicate the Browns' point total in relation to the opposition's. Close your eyes and imagine Jimmy Donovan saying, "A minute and a half remaining and the Browns are down by twenty." Get the picture?

Return: In most cities, this is what a team does with the ball after receiving a kickoff or punt. I'm afraid that's not the case here, mon ami. Unfortunately, it's usually what most Browns fans do NOT want to do after witnessing a game in person.

Much the same as what most readers do NOT want to do after witnessing my column. ●

George Clooney and other notables on hand at Mini Writing Conference Aug. 24 at Porter Library

BY JEFF BING

Are you interested in learning more about the writing profession? Then circle Saturday, Aug. 24, on your calendar, and keep the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. open that day. The West Side Writers, in partnership with Westlake Porter Public Library, are pleased to present a Mini Writing Conference, which will feature a segment covering author's rights and copyright law, presented by Steve Grant, an intellectual property attorney in Columbus and adjunct professor at Capital University Law School.

Additionally, Steve Swiniarski will have a presentation titled "World Building: Creative Settings for Science Fiction, Historical and other Genres." Mr. Swiniarski, of

Solon, is an author of over 20 science fiction and fantasy novels (published under the pseudonyms of S.A. Swann, S.A. Swiniarski and Steven Krane).

And if you're really adamant about seeing George Clooney (as well as other notables), simply find the entertainment section/movie section and look him/them up. I'm certain they'll have a bunch of stuff there – it's a library, remember?

So don't forget, it all happens at Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, on Aug. 24 running from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Heck, if you have a valid library card, I'll bet George will even go home with you.

Additional questions? Contact Mary Wood at 440-331-1349 or email Malcolm.Wood@sbcglobal.net. ●

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Historic mayoral candidate forum in Bay Village Aug. 13

BY CONDA BOYD

Bay Village citizens will have a chance to see the four candidates for Bay Village mayor side by side on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Bay Middle School cafeteria, 27725 Wolf Road.

The Bay Village Chapter of the League of Women Voters - Cuyahoga

Area is presenting the forum. Candidates will make short prepared remarks, and an LWV moderator will pose screened audience questions.

On Sept. 10, Bay Village will have the first test of the primary election that was instituted in 2007 after the mayor won by a plurality rather than a majority. ●

HUMOR

The Apple Orchard

BY BRUCE LEIGH

When I was a very young boy my mom and dad and little sister would go to rural Ohio to visit my aunt and uncle. When we got there it was lunch time. My aunt told my uncle to go out to the apple orchard and bring something back to eat. By and by my uncle returned. My aunt made paprikash which is a Hungarian stew usually made with chicken.

When lunch was ready we all sat down to eat. The paprikash was very hot and spicy with little pieces of meat in it. I asked what kind of apples were in the stew? Mom looked at me and said the stew didn't have any apples in it. I said, "I thought my uncle went to the apple orchard to pick apples for the stew. I saw him bring back a big bag filled with apples. So where did the meat come

from? Were the little pieces of meat worms from the apples?"

All the adults at the table stared at me as if I had a few loose screws in my head. After all, I thought, what kind of meat comes from apples? It has to be worms. "Apples do have worms." I told my mother. All the older people laughed and laughed.

Again I asked my mother what kind of meat was in the stew. I was a persistent little guy. I wanted an answer! My aunt finally answered my question. She really didn't want to tell me and the other children that the meat was freshly shot with my uncle's .22 rifle and it was squirrel. My aunt knew we children loved to watch the squirrels run around the yard and didn't want us to know what was in the stew. My uncle had placed the squirrel in the bottom of the bag so we wouldn't know. Anyhow I thought the stew tasted very good. I'll never forget Aunt Shirley's apple orchard paprikash. ●

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Summer Picnic

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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.
POSTPONED: Adult Tricycles Presentation and Demonstration

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO ILLNESS. A rescheduled date has not been set.
Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

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

The public is invited to tour the house and grounds at Ames Family Hospice House. The new 40,000-square-foot Craftsman inspired house opened last summer, and is tucked away on a hidden 30-acre site in the woods near Porter Creek, just north of the I-90 Crocker Road exit, between Holiday Inn and Bonne Belle. Refreshments will be provided. Reservations can be made by visiting hospicewr.org or calling 216-486-6645.
Ames Family Hospice House, 30080 Hospice Way, Westlake

Saturday, August 10, noon-2 p.m.
Free Family Safety Awareness Event

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Saturday, August 10, 5-7 p.m.
Bay Rockets Football Community Night

Meet your Bay Rockets football team! A night of food, fun and football! Stadium Meal \$3. Raffles include "VIP Sideline Seats on a Rockets Lounge Couch," Country Jam tickets, Indians tickets, your leaves raked by the team and more. Hosted by Brian Fowler, morning radio host of Cleveland's Country 99.5FM WGAR. Little Rockets are all welcome to join the fun on the field, as well as a bouncy castle, face painting and corn hole games.
Bay High School Memorial Stadium, 29230 Wolf Rd.

Sunday, August 11, 7 p.m.
Bay Village Community Band Concert

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Cahoon Park Gazebo, Bay Village

August 12-17, see hours below
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Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Rd.

Monday, August 12, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Meditation Group for Those Touched by Cancer

Relax and learn new coping skills by practicing mindful meditation techniques. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Tuesday, August 13, 7-8:30 p.m.
Bay Mayoral Candidates' Night

The Bay Village Chapter of the League of Women Voters - Cuyahoga Area will present a candidates'

night with the four candidates for Bay mayor. The candidates will each give short opening and closing remarks. An LWV moderator will pose audience questions that have been screened for duplication, clarity, relevance and appropriateness.
Bay Middle School cafeteria, 27725 Wolf Rd.

Wednesday, August 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
"Printers and Ink Replacement"

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Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, August 15, 6-7 p.m.
The Gift of a Lifetime

This presentation will discuss the importance of preserving personal history and family stories for future generations while exploring a variety of options: a tribute book, a video, an ethical will and online family history vault. We will also discuss the therapeutic value of telling family stories. This presentation will be of interest to mature adults as well as those who wish to preserve the stories of their parents and grandparents for future generations. Loretta Heindrichs, personal historian, will be the presenter. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by Aug. 9 to Cindy Rudolph at 440-331-0420.
The Welsh Home, 22199 Center Ridge Rd., Rocky River

Friday, August 16, 12:30 p.m.
Lunch and Learn: The A-B-C Diabetes Story

This topic will be presented by Senior Independence. We will explore everything from fun chair exercises, great easy recipes to exciting website information. Come and join the fun! Seating is limited. RSVP is required, 440-835-6565.
Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Saturday, August 17, 2-5 p.m.
Ready to Ride Bike Fixathon

Village Bicycle Cooperative is hosting a bicycle fixathon. Our goal is to make any bicycle that is brought to this event safer when it leaves. Bicycles and other prizes will be raffled. Services that will be offered (supplies will be limited) include: safety checks, minor adjustments, flat tire repair, brakes & derailleurs adjustment and replacement of worn cables, housing, brake pads and seats.
Bay Village City Hall parking lot, 350 Dover Center Rd.

Sunday, August 18, 4-6 p.m.
Westshore Mothers of Twins Club Welcome Back Social

Pregnant and parenting parents of multiples (and their kids) are welcome to join us for our WMOTC Welcome Back Social! Face painting and simple activities will keep little ones entertained and the large playground can accommodate all ages, from crawlers to climbers. Hot dogs and a vegetarian option will be served, and cold beverages are also provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We have the Playground Pavilion reserved, but please bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs. To learn more visit www.wmotc.org or contact membership@wmotc.org.
Schwartz Road Park, 35001 Schwartz Rd., Avon

Tuesday, August 20, 6-9:30 p.m.
West Shore Chorale Auditions

The West Shore Chorale is looking for new members for its upcoming season. Membership is open to all singers with a strong interest in performing classical choral music. The Chorale is an 80-member chorus that performs 2 to 4 concerts per year, including a holiday concert in early December and a spring concert in early May. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Center in Rocky River. To reserve an audition time, call 216-373-7773. For more information, visit westshorechorale.org/join.
Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.

Wednesday, August 21, 11 a.m.
Westlake Garden Club Meeting

The meeting will begin at 11 a.m., with lunch served at noon. At 1 p.m., club member Bill Hock will present "All About Soil: The Good, The Bad And The Dirty." Everyone is invited to attend. For more information call 440-892-0189.
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