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Village Project opens in new facility



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Barb Harrell, executive director of the Village Project (center in green T-shirt), and members of the board of directors and the leadership team pose in the kitchen of the organization's new facility on West Oviatt Road.

by DIANE FRYE

The Village Project hosted an open house on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 15, to give the community a look at their new facility at 27378 West Oviatt Road in Bay Village.

A crowd of 300 people enjoyed touring the newly renovated space, getting the opportunity to talk with Village Project volunteers and learning more about this growing, grassroots, community organization.

The Village Project (formerly Village Food Project) was founded

in early 2011 with a mission to serve the community by providing meals and extended care and service to cancer patients and their families.

In its relatively short existence, the VP has already provided more than 6,000 nutritious meals and extended services, such as house cleaning and yard clean-up, to approximately 55 families in Bay Village and Avon Lake.

The new, larger facility will now make it possible to serve Rocky River, as well.

For the past two and a half years, Bay Presbyterian Church graciously allowed the Village

Project to use their kitchen to prepare meals for VP clients. However, requests for help from neighboring communities necessitated finding a larger facility to be able to prepare more meals and organize increased services to provide a bigger outreach.

Bay Presbyterian Church senior pastor, Garnett Slatton, expressed his feelings about the move.

"We've really enjoyed our relationship with the Village Project, and while we're excited for them to have a new, larger space, we'll be very sad to see them go."

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Westlake levy information nights scheduled

by KIM BONVISSUTO

The Citizens for Westlake Schools will host two Levy Information Nights to inform the community about facts regarding the Westlake City Schools' 5.4-mill operating levy – Issue 88 – on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Levy Information Nights will be held at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, from 7 to 8 p.m. on:

- Monday, Sept. 23, in the Porter Room
- Thursday, Oct. 3, in the Porter Room

The presentation will be given by Dr. Daniel J. Keenan Jr., Westlake City Schools Superintendent, and Cris Kennedy, Chairperson for Citizens for Westlake Schools. There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions after the presentation.

For additional information please visit www.WestlakeLevy.com. ♦

New Ocean Exhibit unveiled at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center



A lionfish enjoys the newly renovated Ocean Exhibit at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

by WENDY HANNA

The Lake Erie Nature & Science Center recently completed a renovation of their saltwater Ocean Exhibit. The updated display is home to several new fish: a cortex stingray, lunar wrasse, banana wrasse, clown triggerfish and lionfish. Perhaps the most exciting addition is a shark egg.

This youngest resident, a bamboo shark, isn't expected to hatch until October but the egg is on display and the shark can be seen moving inside the sac. Once hatched, the shark will remain in the exhibit.

The renovation was led by Director of Wildlife Amy LeMonds in coordination with Salty Critter aquarium specialists. Together they worked to ensure the tank provided the best possible environment for the new animals. "It's always important for us to create a healthy habitat for all animals at the Center," said LeMonds. There are plans to grow the exhibit in the near future.

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NEXT ISSUE:

The Observer, in collaboration with the League of Women Voters, will print four-page pullout **Voters' Guides** in the Oct. 1 issue for the Westlake and Bay Village General Elections.

To hear the candidates in person, plan to attend the Westlake Candidates' Forum on Oct. 1, 6:45 p.m., at Westlake Porter Public Library or the Bay Village Candidates' Forum on Oct. 2, 7 p.m., at Bay High School.

Tour De Bay raises funds, unites generations

by JACQUIE MAYER

The popular community event, Tour De Bay, wrapped up on Sept. 2, having raised more than \$1,900 for the Bay Village Education Foundation. BVEF would like to thank Tour organizers Anna Norcross, Melissa Alten and Emmie Gillette for the generous donation.

Of the roughly 150 families and individuals who participated in the Tour, which involved walking, biking or running every street in Bay over the course of the summer,

three Bay residents made it a family affair.

Mrs. Barbara Woodburn, fourth-grade teacher at Westerly, and her daughter Diane Poretsky, first-grade teacher at Normandy, completed the Tour together with the help of Mrs. Woodburn's granddaughter, Alexa Pohlkamp. Alexa, an eighth-grader at BMS, did not run or bike with her aunt and grandmother, but she used her birthday money to buy a bike for Mrs. Woodburn to use on the Tour!

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Area adults welcome to hear former DEA Special Agent Bob Stutman on Sept. 17

Bob Stutman, a former Special Agent of 25 years with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, will speak at Bay High School Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. All area adults ages 18 or older will find this a compelling presentation about the complexities of the drug problems in America.



HUGS Foundation to hold fifth annual dinner gala Nov. 19

On Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. the HUGS Foundation will be celebrating its fifth annual dinner gala that helps families of chemically dependents find Hope, Understanding, Gratitude and Serenity and with the treatment costs that insurance doesn't cover.

Caseworker John Thomas from the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court will be the guest speaker.

"I am thrilled that John Thomas will be recognized for his professionalism and for his compassion on how he relates to children and families," said one parent. "I am looking forward to seeing him honored because he deserves it."

Executive Director Dianne Vogt has worked tirelessly with the help of her board to not only raise funds for families

but also to educate the community about the great need for drug treatment funding.

"Although the focus of this dinner event will be a celebration, we are still currently looking for sponsors to help us with the cost of this event as well as raffle prizes from businesses throughout our area," said Vogt.

Drug abuse among teens and young adults is becoming an ever-growing problem in our communities, which is why this need has become even greater in recent years. Heroin, in particular, has infiltrated our suburbs at epidemic proportions. In fact, it has been reported that 55 percent of people who died from heroin-related overdoses were from our Cuyahoga County suburbs alone. And statewide there was a 400 percent increase in opiate

related deaths between 1999 and 2012.

In addition to the heroin problem, studies also indicate that marijuana use among our children continues to climb due to their misconceptions that it is harmless and non-addicting. In reality, marijuana is far more potent today, containing higher concentrations of THC, the active ingredient that produces the high, and nearly three-quarters of children enter drug treatment programs with a primary diagnosis of marijuana dependence – a number higher than all other drugs combined.

So please, if you would like to help – for more information and location of event contact Dianne Vogt at 216-521-5568. ●

HUNTINGTON PLAYHOUSE

'Swinging on a Star' opens Sept. 19

by TOM MEYROSE

The fabulous songs of Johnny Burke are perfectly woven into various settings in the musical revue, "Swinging on a Star." The production opens Sept. 19 and plays through Oct. 13. Performances are on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. with one Sunday matinee open to the public on Oct. 13.

Featured songs include "Dr. Rhythm" and "What's New," the classic "Pennies from Heaven" and others. The ever popular "Your Hit Parade" takes us into the 1930s, segueing into a World War II, USO-type show for several songs including "Personality" and culminating with the Academy Award-winning "Swinging on a Star."

The cast consists of Alicia Fogal, Tony Heffner, Lynn Miller-Penigor, Carliegh Spence and Lawrence Wallace, directed by Ian Atwood.

Tickets are \$20 for adults with pricing available for seniors (65 and older) and students (18 and younger). Reservations are strongly suggested and may be made by calling the box office at 440-871-8333.

Huntington Playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Road in Bay Village and is an affiliate of the Cleveland Metroparks. ●

Register now for youth leadership training

by NOREEN KYLE

Join other high school youth and youth leaders from Cuyahoga County at Cleveland State University on Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and learn the spirit, science and action of youth-led prevention. It is well known that teenagers influence one another's health behaviors.

Through this training, you will

be provided with the opportunity to strengthen your leadership skills and take an active role in your school/community in a fun and exciting way.

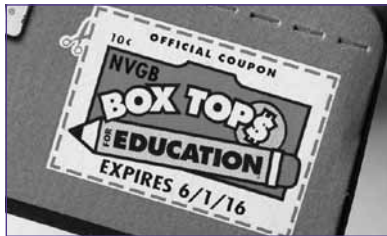
Ask about the chance to receive \$500 stipend for your school! The \$10 fee includes lunch and T-shirt. Contact Allisyn Leppla at 216-854-7205 or aleppla@ccbh.net for more information or to register. ●

Support Westlake schools with 'box tops' donations

by MARGARET SCHULZ

Westlake residents can support their schools by saving "Box Tops for Education," found on everything from Ziploc bags to Betty Crocker mixes, breakfast cereals, granola bars, Yoplait yogurt and Kleenex boxes. Westlake residents and others can drop off "Box Tops for Education" at the Westlake Community Center front desk (and you can mention my name if you do!). I feel this is a great way to support our Westlake schools.

The Westlake Community Center is located at 29694 Center Ridge Road. Box Tops for Education go directly to the PTA for Westlake Schools. ●



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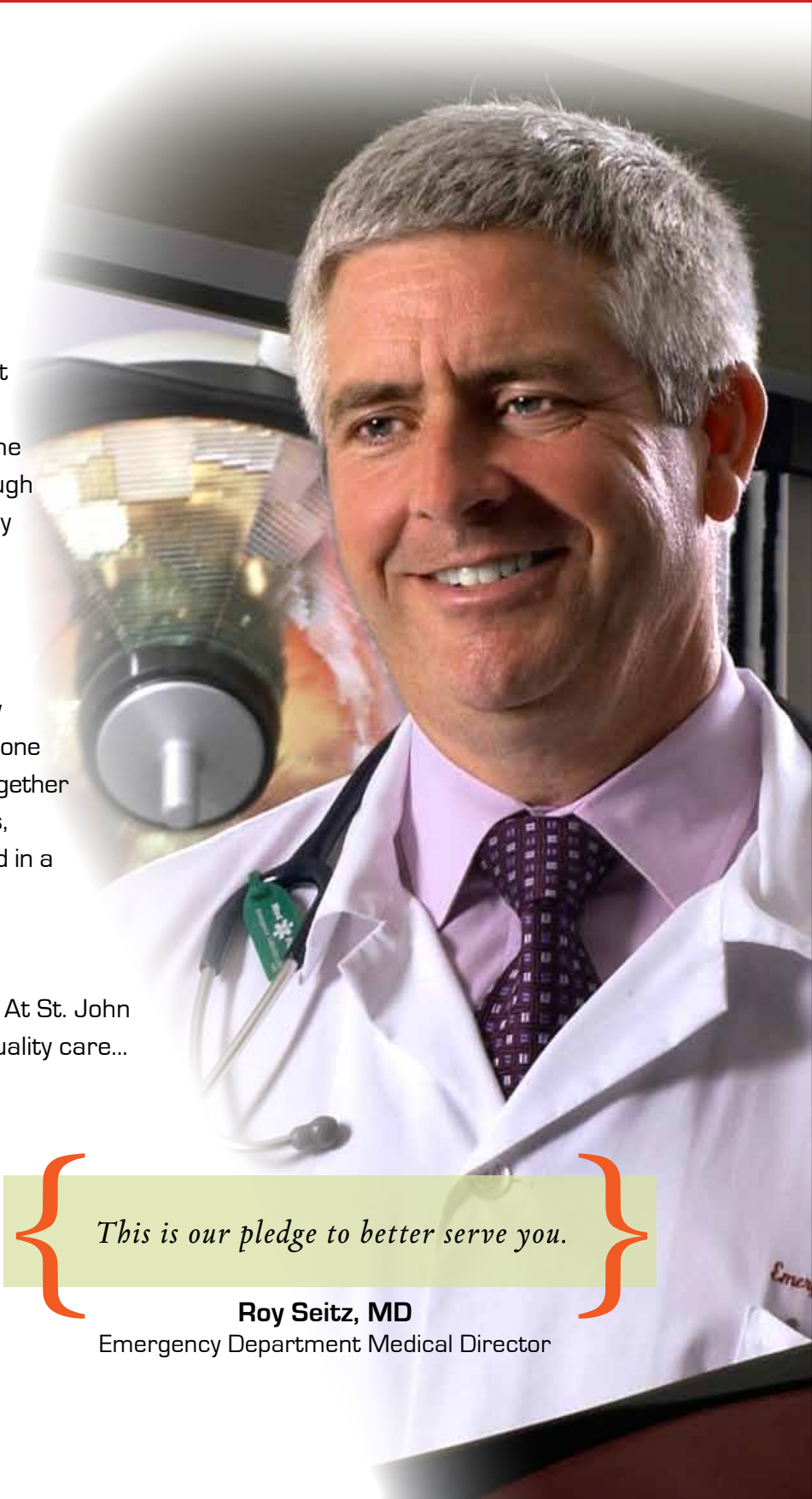
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TOUR DE BAY *continued from front page*

"She's got the biggest heart in Bay Village," Mrs. Woodburn said of her granddaughter. Alexa went to the Village Bicycle Cooperative and purchased the refurbished bike for her grandma; then the two Bay teachers conquered the Tour in fine style.

With the end of the tour, BVEF is looking forward to another school year. Teachers, staff and students in the Bay Village City School District can apply for grant monies to fund innovative educational projects throughout the district. The deadline for

applications is Sept. 30, and interested applicants can go to bayedfoundation.org.

BVEF is an independent non-profit volunteer organization that funds educational projects not supported by tax dollars. In its 28th year, the organization has awarded over \$195,000 in grants to fund nearly 100 projects that span from grades K-12 and across all areas of the curriculum. Anyone can help BVEF continue to create opportunities for Bay students by making a tax-deductible donation at bayedfoundation.org. ●



Mrs. Barbara Woodburn, her grand-daughter Alexa Pohlkamp, and daughter Mrs. Diane Poretsky with their bikes and Tour De Bay map.

WESTLAKE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Special fall events at the Westlake Rec



Children line up for the pumpkin hunt during last year's Fall Festival at the Westlake Rec Center. This year's event will be held Oct. 12.

by JIM DISPIRITO

Fall is set to arrive very shortly and the Westlake Recreation Department is ready to go. Four special events are on the calendar so stop on in and register before the leaves fall and you are left holding the rake!

First up is our inaugural Spooktacular Scarecrow Contest. For \$20 you will receive the wood, nails and straw. The rest is up to you. Deadline to register is Oct. 1, and then on Saturday, Oct. 5, you will stop in and pick up your supplies from the Recreation Department. Take them home and get your scarecrow together. Please return your assembled scarecrow to the Recreation Department by Oct.

23 for display and judging.

The annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Hunt will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 1-4 p.m., on the grounds of the Westlake Recreation Center. Come for this fun-filled festival for ages 9 and younger with a pumpkin hunt, face painters, hay rides, refreshments and more fun and games than you can imagine.

Our new Tales from the Trail is a family hayride adventure through the woods of the Recreation Center. Starting at 6:30 p.m. and lasting till 8:30, the hayride will have a storyteller aboard and guide you through the "not too scary" trail. Enjoy some doughnuts and cider, DJ Eazy and some games while you wait for your turn aboard the hayride. Deadline to register

for this event is Oct. 11 or when full. Limit of 150 people.

Finally, the annual Monster Mash & Splash will step off on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is an event for families with children ages toddler to 8 years old. All family members are encouraged to dress up. The first half of the event will be trick-or-treating through a decorated Recreation Center, then everyone into the pool for a splashing good time including our famous floating pumpkin patch. Maximum of 250 people. Deadline to register is Oct. 24 or when we are full.

To register for these programs, visit www.wlrec.org or call 440-808-5700. ●

Annual Pet Blessing Sept. 26 at St. Raphael Church

by ANNE STRAITIFF

Lions, tigers and bears are not welcome, but household animals and their families are invited to the ninth annual Blessing of the Pets on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of St. Raphael Church in Bay Village.

Individual blessings will be given to each animal. Dog treats from Landmark will be distributed and a garden statue of St. Francis will be given away. The event is free and all are welcome!

St. Raphael is located at 525 Dover Center Road between Lake Road and Detroit Road. Parking is behind the church.

Please note: Dogs should be on leashes; cats and other pets in carriers or cages. The event will be cancelled if it rains. ●



Deacon Larry Gregg blesses Stacy Nock and her new puppy at the 2012 pet blessing at St. Raphael.



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The updated tank also provides a better viewing experience for younger visitors with a brighter environment and increased visibility.

All are welcome at a special celebration of the tank and a feeding of all fish

exhibits on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to hear LeMonds speak about the ocean exhibit and see the increased activity in the tanks during feeding time.

The display is currently open and can be seen by the public any day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Road, is always free of charge. ●



The bamboo shark egg is expected to hatch in early October.



A lunar wrasse looks out of a hiding place inside the saltwater tank.



The renovated saltwater Ocean Exhibit at the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center clambake a success

by WENDY HANNA

Mother Nature certainly appeared to be supporting Lake Erie Nature & Science Center for their annual benefit, Bake Near the Lake, on Sept. 7. While she provided beautiful weather, Jennifer Rosa and her committee

worked to provide a memorable experience for guests that would support the Center's education programs.

Guests saw right away that this wouldn't be a run-of-the-mill benefit. Boa constrictors, chinchillas, skunks and owls were at the front door to welcome the visitors. Once inside supporters were able to

take in a specially designed planetarium show, bid on over 50 silent auction items, enjoy delicious eats from Catering by Verba's and check out the animal exhibits.

As the night progressed, The Feed-backs kicked things up under the stars and those not dancing kept warm at the bonfire.

This marks the 23rd year Lake Erie Nature & Science Center has held its benefit and auction – the only fundraising event they host all year. This year's event raised over \$59,000 which will allow the Center to continue offering high quality learning experiences to the community. ●



The Bake Near the Lake committee put together a memorable evening for the Center. Pictured, from left, are: Sarah Luchini Urbancic, Jill Breton, Jennifer Rosa, Steve Ruscher, Abigail Suttman and Jennifer Hill.

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The new facility includes over 3,500 square feet, encompassing a large kitchen, administrative offices, a community gathering space, and an activity room that provides space for volunteers to paint vases to fill with flowers to be delivered to VP clients.

Besides viewing the new accommodations, guests at the Village Project community open house guests were

able to share their stories, complete applications to volunteer with the organization and offer donations to support it. In addition, guests could purchase quilt squares in memory and honor of friends and family. The squares will be assembled into a quilted wall hanging, which will be displayed in the VP community room.

Beginning Oct. 2, Village Project

business hours will be Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The facility will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.

The Village Project is seeking financial support to cover renovation and ongoing operating expenses. Dona-

tions and pledges can be made on their website at www.ourvillageproject.com, or by mail at Village Project, P.O. Box 40023, Bay Village, OH 44140. Naming rights are available for specific spaces within the facility. For more information, please call 440-348-9401 or email info@ourvillageproject.com. ●



Kitchen leader Colleen Alletto gives a tour of the food preparation area to John and Mary Carbone, grandparents of teen volunteer Harper Tindall.



A sample healthy Village Project meal. This one included wild rice salad, Greek chicken and roasted vegetables, kale salad, Tuscan tuna salad with Parmesan pita chips, plus flourless chocolate cake (not shown) for dessert.

PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

Nordstrom Rack opens in Crocker Park

by TARA WENDELL

The fashionable and frugal alike braved the cool, soggy morning of Sept. 12 to welcome Westlake's newest retailer to Crocker Park. Nordstrom Rack, the off-price sister store of Nordstrom, opened its second Cleveland-area location on the former site of Borders bookstore.

The earliest shoppers began showing up at 6 a.m. and by the time the store opened its doors three hours later, a line of umbrellas snaked halfway around the building. In a scene reminiscent of the holiday season, a steady stream of cars circled the packed parking lot throughout the day.

The gloom of the morning was left at the door, as customers were met inside the foyer with a "Welcome to the Rack!" from a cheerful greeter before entering the bright and bustling store. Sales associates in neon green shirts zipped up and down the aisles, answering questions, directing shoppers and ringing up purchases with their mobile phones.

Reached by phone while at the launch of another location in Oklahoma City that morning – five Rack stores celebrated grand openings on Sept. 12 – company spokesperson Kate DeToye said the

company was happy to have "an opportunity to do a better job serving customers on the west side of Cleveland. We are excited about the great location at Crocker Park."

The 34,000-square-foot Nordstrom Rack offers clearance merchandise from full-line Nordstrom stores, as well as specially purchased, discounted items including clothing, footwear, cosmetics, handbags and accessories. The area's other Rack location is in Legacy Village in Lyndhurst, and there is a full-line Nordstrom in Beachwood Place.

Store hours for Nordstrom Rack Crocker Park are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. ●



Eager shoppers wait in line for the grand opening of the Nordstrom Rack in the Promenade at Crocker Park on Sept. 12.

PHOTO BY CAROL MAAT



PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

Nordstrom Rack opened its second Cleveland-area location on the former site of Borders bookstore at Crocker Park.

Steinbeck’s America the focus of CWRU Off-Campus Studies program at Westlake UMC

by JOAN GRACE

Beginning on Thursday, Sept. 26, Off-Campus Studies, under the auspices of Case Western Reserve University’s Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program, and in collaboration with the Association for Continuing Education, will be available in Westlake.

The group meets on Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m., at Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Road. There will be eight sessions, extending through Nov. 14.

Our topic is Steinbeck’s America. John Steinbeck is a familiar name to all of us. His voice is that of the ordinary working class person facing both internal and external challenges in life. He takes on the human struggle in a timeless and universal language.

His characters are richly developed and reach into our very souls.

In “The Grapes of Wrath” and “In Dubious Battle,” Steinbeck addresses social and political issues of the Depression era.

During this course, we will discuss the human, social and literary aspects of these works. His novels inspire and enrich readers of all generations.

Books for discussion are Steinbeck’s “In Dubious Battle” and “The Grapes of Wrath.” The leader teacher is Barbara Parr; Barbara received a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and her Master of Education degree from Cleveland State.

Cost for the eight-week course is \$75. For more information, please call Sandra Berendt, 440-892-4931, or Joan Grace, 440-777-9381, or register online at: www.case.edu/lifelonglearning. ●

ONE SENIOR’S OPINION

Looking Back

by DIANNE BOROWSKI

Do you remember what you were doing at 8:46 a.m., Sept. 11, 2001? I do. I was at work. Someone said “look at this.” At that moment the blue September sky erupted into flames and New York City’s skyline would forever be changed.

My first response was disbelief. This is a trick shot, a hoax, I thought. The images on the screen could not be real. Of course, they were. We were sent home that morning to be with our families.

We were to witness the attack over and over again, as the media attempted to make sense of a senseless act. The sight of that plane connecting with the top of the Twin Towers has been indelibly etched into many minds. The plane, the flames, the smoke were replayed over and over again. Who, why and how was this accomplished, we wondered? Slowly the truth emerged. The name al-Qaida became the answer to many of our questions.

The hours and days following the attack found Americans panic stricken, fearful, suspicious, compassionate, united and heroic. Sept. 11 brought Americans together in a spirit of camaraderie never before witnessed with such intensity. It also divided and estranged some because of the color of their skin or their manner of dress. It was the best of times, the worst of times.

Over the years following the horror of that day our country has healed. Memories can be stored somewhere deep within the collective consciousness where they are less painful. Life has become almost predictable again. The rubble has been cleared, rebuilding has occurred and a memorial established. The pages of history books now tell the story. Life goes on, as it should. Are there lessons still to be learned from 9/11? Of course. Have we moved past that day, stronger as a people, as a country? Perhaps?

Once a year we carve out a small niche of time to pause, remember and reflect. We honor the heroes and mourn those who died. A dozen years has dulled the intensity of that day but the fear, hurt and heroism will never be forgotten. ●

BAYARTS

Call for entries: BAYarts Annual Juried Show

by PIXIE EMERSON

BAYarts Annual Juried Show, now in its 51st year, is a chance to see the cream of the crop of regional artists in one place (the Sullivan Family Gallery in BAYarts’ Fuller House). Artists 18 and over, professionals or beginners are welcome to submit two pieces of work done in the past two years, ready to hang or display.

Last year, with about 60 artists submitting, the judges chose 50 pieces for the exhibit, awarding cash prizes for Best of Show; first, second and third places; and juried and director’s awards.

This year, judges Kathy McConaugh, chief creative officer at American Greetings, and Rob Roth, a painter and illustrator for AG, will have the challenge of narrowing down the

awards to reflect the best works in craftsmanship, originality and creativity.

In years past, some shows have had art hung floor to ceiling, while in others, only 30-40 pieces made the cut; which is what is so unique about juried shows, it is all in the hands of the judges, their personal experience, taste and expertise as professionals in art fields. Awards will be announced at the opening reception on Oct. 11, 7-9 p.m.

Entry form, drop-off details and specifics can be downloaded at bayarts.net/gallery/coming-soon.aspx or picked up in the BAYarts office.

Work should be dropped off Oct. 6 and 7 or by appointment. For more information, contact Eileen Stockdale, gallery director: eileen@bayarts.net. ●

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Westside business networking group meeting in Westlake

by JAN LITTERST

There is a new group that meets quietly in a conference room on Detroit Road. Very few people know about it, but every time it meets the numbers grow, and chairs are becoming filled earlier and earlier on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Then, from 8 to 9:30 a.m., the group’s members share what their business does. Everyone listens intently, looking for an opportunity to help someone else. And there is more...

Yes, it is a networking group. It is

The Opportunity Network – Westside. Founded by business coach Diane Helbig, this all started in January of this year.

But, it is very different from other networking groups. It is a business-to-business group. It is local. It is category-protected. It is without referral quotas. It includes a group coaching component. And there is more...

If you would like to learn more about The Opportunity Network in Westlake, call Jan Litterst at 440-263-6176 to learn about attending our next meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 24. ●

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Outdoor landscaping activities to engage dementia sufferers

by KRISTI VAUGHN, LSW

Fall is the time for many landscaping chores, such as raking, pruning and planting. Just because a person has dementia, doesn’t mean they have to stop activities they enjoy and that make them feel productive. Here are some ideas to involve those with dementia in these types of activities:

Early Stage Dementia

- Provide a bag and rake for raking leaves. Re-direct, as needed, to keep the person on task.
- Prune overgrown bushes by bringing the person to the bush and instructing what to do. Supervise the person for safety and to prevent over-pruning.
- Help the person plant spring-blooming bulbs by giving step-by-step directions and providing the needed tools.

Middle Stage Dementia

- Demonstrate and tell the person how to rake leaves. Raking might be random and repetitive, but that is okay.
- Help the person lay down mulch around plants that need protection over the winter.
- Show the person weeds to pull, to eliminate more weeds in the spring. You may need to provide step-by-step, continual directions – or if you help weed, the person may watch you and follow suit.

Late Stage Dementia

- Provide fall flowers, such as mums to look at and smell
- Allow the person to see, smell and feel brightly colored fall leaves, with supervision.

Any Stage Dementia

- Sit together in the yard or on porch, go for a ride or walk to look at the changing colors. ●

Join in at www.wbvobserver.com

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Boosters' membership drive strikes a chord with community

by BARB CASKEY

Bay Music Boosters Door-to-Door Membership Drive was held on Thursday, Aug. 15. More than 160 students participated from the band, orchestra and Rockettes.

This year, the non-profit organization's name changed from Bay Band Boosters to Bay Music Boosters to incorporate all areas of the music program in Bay Village, including the choral program. This involves over 950 students in the Bay school system. Since 2003, Bay Village has been named as one of the "Best 100 Music Communities in America" – a huge honor and accomplishment!

This year's membership drive was very successful and we wanted to express our sincere appreciation to everyone in the community who supported this important program. The door-to-door membership drive is the music program's major fundraiser and we are happy to report that to date we have raised in excess of \$18,000.

The donations will be used in many

ways throughout the year. Since choral is included this year, some of the funds will be used to buy new dresses for Treble choir and we will be moving their current dresses to the freshmen. Funds will also be used for contest fees, instrument repairs and purchases, instrumental coaching fees, college and summer camp scholarships and other specific needs for this school year.

Most of all, the Bay Village music program supports students so they do not have a "pay to play" fee. Many other school systems require students to pay a fee to participate in their music program and we are very fortunate not to have families incur this expense.

On the day of the membership drive, my co-chair, Joy Hutchinson, and I were so proud of all the students. They dressed in either their band or orchestra polos, and the Rockettes dressed in their uniforms.

They were given some instructions, given their assigned route and sent on their way in groups of four. Their enthusiasm was exciting to see.

Joy and I talked about how many personalities 160 students must have and that, for some, going up to someone's door and asking for a donation must be a little intimidating. Yet, all of the students did it. We hope that participating in the door-to-door membership drive

not only teaches them the importance of community support, but other important values as well.

We hope it teaches them that they can do something they thought they could not do. We hope it teaches them appreciation for the opportunity to meet so many kind people in the community – possibly people they might not have met if they were not going door-to-door. It is especially fun to hear the stories that people have told the students of their past experience with the music program when they, their children or even their grandchildren were in Bay Village schools.

After the membership drive, the students were rewarded with a pool party at Bay Community Pool. They laughed, swam, goofed around and generally just enjoyed each other's company as they all joined together as one group that day.

If you would like to support the Bay Music Boosters, you can donate by using a credit card or Paypal from the website at: baymusicboosters.com/forms/pay-for-your-membership or by mailing a donation (checks payable to Bay Music Boosters) to: Bay Music Boosters, c/o Bay High School, 29230 Wolf Road, Bay Village, OH 44140.

Again, thank you for your kind and generous support. ●



The Bay High Marching Band performs on Memorial Day at Lakeside Cemetery.

PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Bay Homecoming weekend ends with a flip

by KAREN UTHE

Bay Village Kiwanians and Bay High Key Clubbers will hold their annual fall pancake breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Road.

The breakfast, which wraps up the city's Homecoming festivities, includes pancakes, syrup, link sausages, milk, juice and coffee for \$5 per person (\$6 at the door). Children under six eat for free. Advance tickets are available from your favorite Kiwanian, or by contacting Russ Bauknecht at 440-871-9162 or baykiwanis@gmail.com.

"The Kiwanis Club of Bay Village, along with the Bay High Key Club, team up for the annual fall pancake breakfast to wrap up the Bay Village Homecoming activities. Come on out and enjoy a hot breakfast on a crisp, fall morning, while supporting two hometown service organizations," says Rhonda Schneider of the

Kiwanis Club of Bay Village.

The meal is a community tradition, popular with students and families. Proceeds from the event benefit the Bay High School Scholarship Fund, as well as projects and organizations such as: Reese Park renovations, Village Project, BAYarts, Bay Historical Society, Bay Skate & Bike Park, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center and "Kiwi Bags" for Cuyahoga County Children's Services (a backpack given to children who are removed from their homes, which includes toiletries, socks, underwear, a blanket, coloring book and crayons).

Kiwanis volunteers have cooked and served pancakes for community causes in Bay Village for over half a century. The organization holds two pancake breakfasts a year to support community projects and scholarships. The next one will be in late winter/early spring.

Visit the Bay Village Kiwanis website at bayvillagekiwanis.com and look for them on Facebook for more



Bay Village Kiwanis members and Bay Village Key Club members team up to serve some breakfast at last year's pancake breakfast.

information about the organization. ●

Moondance a model of a successful zero-waste event

by BRENDA O'REILLY

BAYarts' annual Moondance fundraising event on Sept. 14 was a lovely evening of delicious food and beverage, lively music and relaxing fellowship. It was attended by 1,200 guests.

This year's Moondance was also a "zero waste" event. Amazingly 98 percent of all of the event waste was either composted or recycled!

Behind the scenes preparation made this zero-waste event possible. In working with all of the caterers, BAYarts staff and Bay Village Green Team members made sure that all items used for food service were fully compostable. This meant that all of the "trash" generated from food and beverage waste was in fact compostable.

Compostable cutlery was used in place of the traditional plastic cutlery. Paper plates were used in place of Styrofoam or plastic. And wood stir sticks for coffee and serving side accompa-

niments in small paper liners were available. No plastic or foil was used when serving the guests.

The benefit of this was that all "trash" generated by event guests was captured in waste containers with compostable liners and sent to a commercial composter to be composted.

Prior to the event, special recycling pick-up was arranged with each caterer and beverage service. Recyclable items were collected separately. For example, there was recycling for wine and pop bottles and cardboard and paper through the BAYarts recycle contract. There was special recycling of aluminum foil/tin serving containers and plastic bags through drop-off recycling.

The result was that 98 percent of the waste generated by the event was either composted or recycled. The waste was collected in 35-gallon bags. At the end of the evening, there were 51 large bags of "waste" to be composted or recycled. There was only one bag of trash that went to the landfill! ●



BAYarts Executive Director Nancy Heaton and Green Team member Warren Remein stand in front of containers full of compostable waste from the "zero waste" Moondance event. The containers will be collected by Rosby Resource Recycling and turned into compost to be used by area landscapers within 90 days.

PHOTO BY BRENDA O'REILLY

Bay family departs for new home, new hope in Colorado

by PAULA LYLES

I have a confession to make. I am addicted to the beach. I can feel it calling my name, especially as early evening approaches.

"I'm running to the grocery," I tell my husband and secretly hit the beach at Bradstreet's Landing before I go. I love to see the waves rolling in. I love to walk the beach and pick up driftwood, rocks and sea glass. I breathe deeply and relax just for a minute or two before continuing on with my duties, my mental batteries recharged.

The other night, I stopped by the beach on a mission. With my tote in hand, I gathered up lots of beautiful driftwood and a pile of stones of all different colors.

As I was leaving, three ladies asked what I planned to do with my haul. I smiled and stopped to explain to them how very much I love the beach and that I was gathering enough to take with me to our new home in Colorado Springs to remind me of the beauty and peace of Lake Erie. They asked why I was moving away from the place that I love.

"I'm going there to save my daughter's life," I replied.

My daughter, Jordan, has Dravet Syndrome, a rare and catastrophic form of pediatric epilepsy. We're going to Colorado to use medical cannabis to treat Jordan's seizures.

I must preface what I am going to tell you with the fact that I am one of the most straight-laced people you will ever meet. I have never tried nor liked anything about smoking or recreational drugs. I taught both my girls from day one that smoking and drugs were bad and killed people.

Medical cannabis treatment does not equate to smoking pot! Medical cannabis is derived from a plant that is high in cannabidiol, CBD, and low in THC, tetrahydrocannabinol. THC is but one of the nearly 400 chemical compounds found in the cannabis plant. THC is the mind-altering ingredient found in the cannabis plant, but THC has powerful benefits as well, such as preventing nausea and vomiting in cancer patients, increasing appetite in patients who have a hard time eating, reducing pain and so much more. THC has antioxidant properties and anti-spasmodic properties as well.

The cannabidiol in the cannabis plant is medically amazing. CBD is an analgesic, anti-inflammatory, anti-insomnia, anti-depressant, anti-epileptic, anti-bacterial, anti-diabetic, anti-psoriatic, digestive aid, bone growth stimulant, a tumor cell inhibitor, and the list goes on and on. Can you think of anything in prescription form that can do all that? All of this goodness comes from an organic plant in the form of raw juicing, oil, or dried plant material that has not been heated.

Medical cannabis is now legal in 20 of our 50 states because patients and doctors are seeing the healing benefits for themselves. Medical cannabis is a "game changer" for so many illnesses and is giving adults and children a chance at life without being overly medicated.

Dr. Sanjay Gupta recently aired an hourlong documentary entitled "Weed" on CNN where he presented many medical cannabis success stories, research

and his support of medical cannabis. He publicly apologized for being misinformed and thus misleading the public to believe medical cannabis was harmful, and he is now fully behind the legalization of medical cannabis.

The child in this documentary is a six-year-old girl named Charlotte Figi. Charlotte has Dravet Syndrome just like my daughter, Jordan. Charlotte was losing the fight to Dravet Syndrome in spite of all the anti-epileptic medications she was on, and doctors offered her parents no hope and no direction for her future. It was then that her mother, Paige, found information about medical cannabis treatment and was led to a non-profit organization called the Realm of Caring in Colorado Springs.

Charlotte went seven days seizure free after her first dose of medical cannabis! Simply amazing considering that she suffered from 300 seizures each week. Charlotte has her life back; she can eat, she can walk again and talk, ride her bike and is able to learn again all because of medical cannabis. Her story is that of a huge leap of faith and a mother following her heart to save her precious daughter's life. Now it is my turn!

We have wrestled with Dravet Syndrome for 18 years, and to be quite honest, Jordan was in such a downward spiral last month, I wasn't sure we would get her back, but we did, and God has opened the doors for Jordan and I to go to Colorado Springs and work with the Realm of Caring and families like the Figis using medical cannabis to stop the seizures and give Jordan her life back. It is a huge decision, a very personal decision, and when something is right, you just know it.

Each day I'm in contact with families across the United States, putting their very sick child first, leaving family and friends behind, quitting jobs to go across the country to finally get the medical treatment their child deserves. It's an emotional roller coaster of a decision.

Medical cannabis is not currently legal in Ohio, so Jordan and I will live in Colorado and not be able to return home until laws change. Medical cannabis is also illegal to transport across state borders at this time. The time has come for laws to change, and Ohio's time is now. Families are being split, jobs are being left and Ohio is losing revenue from each family like ours who have to move because the oil of the cannabis plant is medically illegal to use in our state. My heart breaks for what these laws are doing to my family, but I know now is the time to go and save Jordan's life.

You can help bring Jordan and me back to the only place she has known her entire life, Bay Village, by supporting the cause to get medical cannabis legalization on the Ohio ballot in 2014. To be on the November 2014 ballot, 385,000 signatures of registered voters must be collected on state forms by county.

Go to ohiopatientsnetwork.org and click on "link to official petition with instruction page" and start collecting signatures and informing people about why this is the right thing to do. And when November



Paula Lyles snapped this photo of her daughter, Jordan, on a recent trip to the beach at Bradstreet's Landing. Jordan has Dravet Syndrome, a rare form of epilepsy, and will head to Colorado with her mother at the end of the month to start treatment with medical cannabis.

2014 rolls around, be sure to vote YES to endorse the legalization of medical cannabis in Ohio and encourage your family and friends to do the same. Also, please visit realmofcaringfoundation.org to learn more about the healing that is happening with medical cannabis for many different illnesses.

So long for now, Bay Village! We have loved living along the beautiful shores of Lake Erie. You have brought so many fantastic people into our lives who have made all the difference and brought our

awesome church family at Bay Presbyterian Church to us as well, and we are forever grateful. This is not goodbye! Work hard while we are away and make the changes necessary to keep families together.

I'll update you periodically from Colorado, and if I can be of any assistance or answer any questions, feel free to email me at pal601@aol.com. Above all please keep us, especially Jordan, in your prayers as we go! Thank you so much. God bless! ●

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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesday, Sept. 18 (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, Sept. 18 (4-5:30 p.m.) BOOKS WITH BELLA – What do you get when you bring children, dogs and books together? You get happy, confident children who love reading! Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday starting at 3 p.m. to sign your child up for a 15-minute reading time with Bella the Bulldog! Bring your own book to share with Bella or choose one of ours.

Wednesday, Sept. 18 (7-8:30 p.m.) PROPOSAL WRITING BASICS – Learn the steps of writing a thorough grant proposal, from planning and research to writing to following up. Please register.

Saturday, Sept. 21 (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, Sept. 21 (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, Sept. 23 (4-5:45 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL’s Teen

Lounge on Monday afternoons! We’ve got computers, video games, board games, snacks and more!

Monday, Sept. 23 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) Baby Boomers Guide to Social Security – What do Baby Boomers need to know about Social Security? Find out when is the right time to take your Social Security, how retirement benefits are calculated and more. Please register.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: TIME MANAGEMENT FOR JOB SEEKERS – Are you running around in circles trying to find a new position? Most jobseekers do not spend time efficiently to get the best outcome for their time invested. Learn the ABC method and how to overcome obstacles to find success!

Tuesday, Sept. 24 (4-7 p.m.) FREE TEEN MANICURES – Teens: Pamper yourself here at the library! Students from the Brown Aveda Institute will give FREE professional manicures in our Storytime Room. Call starting Sept. 17 to sign up for a time slot.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 (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.

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Wednesday, Sept. 25 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – Join us for a discussion of “Flight Behavior” by Barbara Kingsolver.

Wednesday, Sept. 25 (7-7:45 p.m.) HATS! HATS! HATS! – Celebrate National Hat Month with us as we read silly hat stories, make a craft and enjoy rhymes and songs. Ages 3-6. Registration begins Sept. 18.

Thursday, Sept. 26 (7-8:45 p.m.) WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday, Sept. 27 (10 a.m.-noon) PORTER’S FIBER FANATICS – Socialize, share, and solve problems while you work on your current project.

Friday, Sept. 27 (4-5:30 p.m.) WEIRD SCIENCE – Our interactive program explores fundamental principles, and you’ll participate in hands-on experiments that you can reproduce at home. Grades 4 and 5. Registration begins Sept. 20.

Saturday, Sept. 28 (10 a.m.) UNDERSTANDING THE DYSLEXIC SOUL – Join Susan Rydzinski, RN, BSN, and her son, Joseph, for an exploration of dyslexia. They’ll discuss what it is, its symptoms and resources for helping loved ones

achieve success despite the challenges it presents.

Saturday, Sept. 28 (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, Sept. 28 (2-3:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS PARENT DISCUSSION & FACILITATED PLAYGROUP – Participate in a discussion group led by a pediatric expert while your children play in a separate room with a CCBDD facilitator. You must RSVP for the playgroup starting one month before each session by calling 440-250-5563. Children do not need a formal diagnosis to attend. Topics listed at connectingforkids.org.

Saturday, Sept. 28 (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.

Monday, Sept. 30 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Monday, Sept. 30 (4-5:45 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL’s Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We’ve got computers, video games, board games, snacks and more!

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

Sept. 28 forum in Westlake to offer resources for family members of addicts

by NELSON BLOUNT

Families Anonymous in Westlake has grown as a discussion group, bringing support to parents whose teen and adult children are experiencing the disease of addiction. Parents Jeff Wilkins and Steve Glover and myself launched the Westlake location at CrossPointe Community three years ago.

As we’ve met through these last three years there has been a growing awareness of need; that communities

all over western Cuyahoga County ought to network with agencies who work full-time to address this issue. We’ve discovered that parents are unaware of these agencies and the support available. Therefore, in an effort to genuinely care, we are offering a forum to provide information and resources for those suffering silently who have any family members in addiction.

The forum, to be held Saturday, Sept. 28, 1-4 p.m. at CrossPointe Community, 1800 Columbia Road, will be a question-and-answer gathering of

professionals. You will hear Dr. Platt, a premier physician on heroin, pain pills and opiates in general, discuss the overall effects and their subsequent dependency on the body and mind. A narcotics detective affiliated with the DEA will speak on the impact this epidemic is having on our legal system, economy and our society. There will be other presenters from the recovery side such as detox, rehabilitation and treatment center options. Most importantly you will learn the steps to take to help yourself and your loved one struggling

with this awful addiction.

The forum will begin with the statistical and technical side – the doctor, the detective, the pharmacist ... those who bring a dark cloud with their presentation. Next, we will offer some hope: treatment centers, rehab and support groups. The presentations will conclude with “Tony’s Story,” a real life message of recovery and hope from YouTube. (Tony was planning to be with us, but because of schedule conflict he will not be able to participate; Tony is attending Spring Arbor University for pastoral ministry.)

Those in attendance may connect with presenters in a panel discussion format. ●

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MUSINGS FROM THE MIDDLE

There's no place like home

by AUDREY RAY

Did you wonder if I ever made it home from South Africa? Sorry if I left you hanging in my last article. It's been hectic since I returned to Bay. (Yes, I did make it!) I'm glad to be home but it wasn't as easy as I thought it would be. Coming home was a change and even though it is mostly good to be home, there are things I miss about my life in South Africa.

When I first got home, it was awesome, but it felt like a blur because we did so much and we were so jet-lagged. I saw all my friends and hung out with them a lot. I also spent time with my family and that felt great. We got to show people all the souvenirs and African art we brought home and got to share some of our experiences with them.

We also got our dog, Hagrid, back and he isn't a puppy anymore so he's not as crazy as he used to be and that's another good thing. The weather in Bay Village is a lot nicer than in South Africa this time of year, and we spent some time swimming at Bay Pool and the beach.

After the first week, I had to get school supplies, and it was like coming back to reality. I started dreading the end of summer because it felt like it had just begun. I felt like I was cheated out of my summer in Bay because it was winter in South Africa and we didn't have any friends there. Then school actually started, and even though I like Bay Middle and my teachers, it was hard to get used to waking up early and having school all day. When I was home-schooled, I slept in and got my work done in a few hours.

I guess I'm just getting used to life in Bay again. It's great to be home because there is no place like home, but I miss Stellenbosch because that was home for seven months. It's kind of tough, but I'll figure it out. ●

FEATURED STUDENT: Aubrey Theobald

Featuring some of our communities' great high school students.

by KAREN DERBY

Bay High senior Aubrey Theobald is making her community a more beautiful and serene place using both her musical and artistic talents.

A cello player with the Bay High Honors quartet, Aubrey's classical music performances frequently add an elegant touch to local ceremonies and events. Her considerable skill with her instrument earned her a spot on the Ohio Music Educators Association Regional Orchestra, and she is an alternate for the group's State Orchestra. Aubrey also teaches cello in private lessons, and she performs with the Bay High Orchestra and Pit Orchestra. She also sings with the school's A Cappella Choir.

Aubrey's artistic talents earned a National Scholastic Gold Key award three years ago, and she was honored

for the achievement in a New York City ceremony. She has continued to pursue her interests in photography, painting and sculpting. She was part of a select group of 12 student artists, led by Bay High teacher Tom Schemrich, who sculpted a whale, cast in bronze, that was installed at Normandy Elementary School.

In addition to playing and teaching the cello, Aubrey spends her free time outdoors rollerblading and practicing photography. She is a member of the Bay High Rockettes and the National Honor Society. Through much of high school, Aubrey has worked as a hostess at the Moosehead Saloon in Westlake. She also worked with the Appalachian Service Project weatherproofing homes of low income families in Tennessee during one summer.

Aubrey would like to work on a future service project in the Dominican Republic, where she traveled this past spring with her parents, Bob and Suz, and her twin sister, Rachael. She



Aubrey Theobald

is looking at a number of potential colleges and is considering attending her older brother Michael's alma mater, the University of Cincinnati, after she graduates from Bay High. She will major in either art or music education, or perhaps marketing. ●

READER'S PHOTOS



Mel Maurer of Westlake lets his creativity fly every year at Halloween. This year he created several figures – including the Hulk wearing Colt McCoy's No. 12 jersey and Superman, who celebrates a 75th birthday this year – out of cardboard, masking tape and papier mache.



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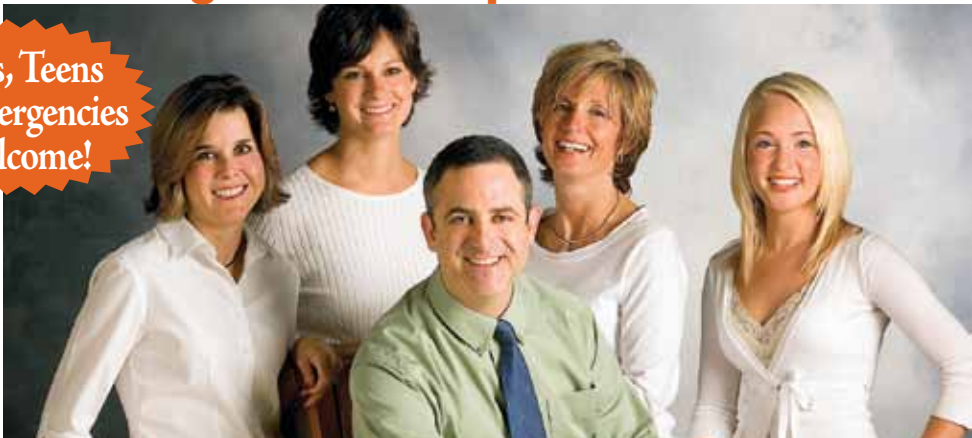
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Bay resident celebrates 104th birthday

by BARBARA LAHEY

If it's true that one wish accompanies every birthday candle, Mina Hughes will have a lot of requests to make on Sept. 25.

On that day, she will be surrounded by her son Dave, grandson Scott and his wife Melissa, great-grandson Avery, and niece Beverly as they celebrate her 104th year of life. Also present will be the many friends who consider her to be an extended part of their own families.

Her incredible memory of people, dates and events has provided most of the information that I am honored to share about her long and interesting life.

Mina Rose Lyle was born on Sept. 25, 1909, in Logansport, Ind., during the presidential term of Robert H. Taft. It was the decade of World War I, the Titanic and Prohibition. The average life expectancy was 50 and the average yearly salary was \$750.

Her father purchased the first family car in 1921, and it was manufactured in our hometown by The Cleveland Automobile Co.

She recalls with a smile some of the necessary things

that accompanied her to Mt. Holyoke College in 1927. The list included a Victrola, several leather hatboxes that matched her luggage, a typewriter and a wardrobe trunk that had to be shipped. Seventy-five years later she and one other classmate returned to the college to attend a reunion and to relive many nostalgic memories.

In 1938 she married Benjamin (Ben) Lowe Hughes and in 2003 they celebrated their 65th anniversary. Son Dave was born in 1942 and he graduated from Bay High School in 1960 where he excelled in many sports.

The family moved to Bay Village in 1951, and became members at St.

Barnabas Episcopal Church. Mina still cherishes the memories of a Bible study group that originated there, and resulted in many lifetime friendships. Church has remained a major part of her life, and when circumstances allow, she can be found in the front row at Christ Church Westshore, where she is rightfully regarded as the Grand Matriarch. She is grateful that with the help of her devoted caregivers, she is able to remain in her comfortable home on Russell Road.

Her pleasant personality is obvious even when circumstances aren't the best, and I can attest firsthand to the following incidents:

When she was in the hospital because of a broken hip, the nurse asked her if she had ever taken any medication to help her relax. She immediately replied, "Yes dear, it's the generic version, and I'll spell it for you." Another time she was a patient in a rehab facility, and her hairdresser casually appeared to perform his weekly routine, just as if she were in the salon. These are only two examples that express the appeal of this



Always fashionable, Mina Hughes is pictured here on her 100th birthday, standing on the steps of her Russell Road home.



Mina Hughes in 1927, when she entered Mt. Holyoke College at the age of 18.



Mina Hughes at her 75th college reunion in 2006.

special lady.

Her flair for fashion was evident when she recently attended a formal wedding wearing a beautiful new black dress with matching trendy ballerina slippers.

Mina says that she is prepared to accept whatever the future holds, and I have no doubt that 104 years from now, Mina Rose Hughes will be celebrating another milestone in a Heavenly place, surrounded by a throng of other angels.

Happy birthday, Mina dear, from everyone who knows you and loves you. ●

Westerly student's drawing published in national magazine

by TARA WENDELL

Bay Village has received national attention once again, this time thanks to the artwork of nine-year-old Holly Mack. After years of sending drawings to Highlights Magazine, Holly finally made it to the "Your Own Pages" section in the October 2013 issue.

The Westerly fourth-grader's drawing of a colorful chameleon, completed when Holly was eight years old, was selected by

the magazine last year from more than 35,000 annual reader submissions. The feature includes her name, age and state. The October issue is on newsstands now.

"I have been trying for four years to get into Highlights and at age eight I finally got in. I was very excited," Holly said, adding an inspirational message: "Remember, never give up!"

The daughter of Jonathan and Lisa Mack, Holly enjoys pogo sticking, swimming, horseback riding, bike riding, fishing, acting and, of course, art. ●



Holly Mack's drawing appears in the October issue of Highlights.



Richard Schweichler roasts a marshmallow for his s'more in the Knickerbocker courtyard on Sept. 6.

Night of s'mores offers a sticky good time

by BRUCE LEIGH

I am amazed that there are so many different flavors of marshmallows. The only flavor we could get when I was young was the white cubes.

On Sept. 6, the residents of the Knickerbocker Apartments were treated to a night of s'mores. Anne Naumann, director of the Knickerbocker Senior Center, provided all the goodies for the "Wish There Was S'more Summer" party. Chocolate bits, graham crackers and multi-colored marshmallows were roasted on alcohol burners. A charcoal or wood fire might set off the fire alarms in the building. Since we didn't have enough s'mores to share with the firemen who would answer the call, we settled for the smokeless burners.

Back to the party. I noticed plain, chocolate, pumpkin, coconut-covered and chocolate-covered marshmallows. In addition there were plain, chocolate and some other kind of graham crackers. Some

of the sugary delights caught on fire. All that sugar really burst into some amazing flames.

To toast marshmallows correctly, you should rotate them so all sides are equally toasted. Easier said than done. Then you must remove them from the flame before the burning marshmallow cools and falls off the roasting stick. Pop them into your mouth and enjoy. Even the most experienced s'more maker will occasionally have parts of the goody fall onto clothes or, horrors, onto the ground.

One uncoordinated party-goer found some gooey marshmallow on his forehead. A few ladies were protecting their clothes with cupped hands. Of course, if any of the gooey stuff dripped onto their hands they had to lick their fingers. Women are so neat.

We sang a couple of songs. The sugar high was more noticeable than the sticky hands. Everybody was very happy. The party ended with a bunch of goodbyes and lickety fingers. ●

BAYARTS

‘Through Our Eyes’ exhibit focuses on Huntington Reservation at BAYarts

by PIXIE EMERSON

What could be a more inspiring subject for an artist than Huntington Reservation? Throughout the years, the reservation has inspired many works in varied mediums by BAYarts students and faculty, in paint, photography, pastels and collage. “Through Our Eyes: Huntington Reservation,” an exhibit of about 50 works by various artists, is on display through the month of September in the Dianne Boldman Education Gallery in the Huntington House.

Artists such as Bob Moyer, Mary Deutschman, Mel Gruneau and Christine England are just a few artists represented in this mix of archival and newer work, some done as recently as this summer in plein air workshops. Some of the work is for sale at affordable prices. Others will remain in the BAYarts archives.

The exhibit highlights the best of Cleveland Metroparks, now asking park lovers to vote yes for a levy in November that will help preserve and protect the park system and the zoo. The parks have been self sufficient and have not asked tax payers for this type of support in 15 years. BAYarts has been an advocate for the parks and this exhibit highlights why.

Hours to see the show are Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Also on view in the Sullivan Gallery in the Fuller House are the classical paintings and pastels of Peter Brent. Both shows run through September. ●

RIGHT: “Huntington Surf Shack” by Barb Cawley is part of the BAYarts exhibit “Through Our Eyes: Huntington Reservation.”



READER’S PHOTO



Bay Village resident Jerrie Barnett’s cat, Bonita, keeps up with community events by reading the Observer.

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Election 2013: Meet the Candidates

Westlake City Council, Ward 2: Nate Cross

As we head into the fall election season, I would like once again to thank the voters in Ward 2 for selecting me as your top choice in the recent primary election for Westlake City Council. Your support has given me increased enthusiasm to work harder so I can continue to earn your vote in my effort to become your elected council representative in November.

If selected as your next councilman, I plan to continue my leadership role in the community to address issues or concerns in Westlake, and specific to Ward 2 – based on my strong qualifications, and relevant experience.

I also plan to continue the strong relationship I already have with members of council and the mayor – primarily through my service on the City Planning Commission – to maintain balance in our community, to deliver



great city services, keep your taxes low and manage your tax dollars responsibly.

Over the past four years as an elected member on the Westlake School Board, I have demonstrated that I am not afraid to take courageous stands, always with the interest of the residents and taxpayers in mind.

Additionally, I will focus on being responsive to each and every Ward 2 resident, and the Westlake community. I urge and welcome all residents to join my effort to continue to deliver responsive and experienced leadership to Ward 2.

As I continue to knock on doors in Ward 2 – I look forward to meeting you again over the next few months, so I can hear how I can earn your support on Nov. 5!

– Nate Cross

Westlake School Board: John Finucane

My wife and I moved to Westlake to raise our family. Growing up in the West Park neighborhood of Cleveland, there were many communities we could choose. We chose Westlake.

Westlake is one of those communities that has a little of everything. What really sets Westlake apart from other cities is the community's support for its public schools. The families of Westlake invest in their schools because they know it will continue to make their city a great place to live.

Last year our investment in our schools earned us two nationally recognized Blue Ribbon Schools, and because of the support of the community of Westlake, we now have a new high school and middle school for our children. We are fortunate to



have great schools, which in turn makes it a great community to live in.

With all of the negative feelings toward politicians these days, friends have asked why I would want to run for a seat on the Westlake school board. I usually

pause and think about my answer, wondering if it will change, but it is always the same answer. I want to give back. I want to give back to the community that is helping my wife and I raise our family.

While there are many ways one can give back, I feel that my passion for education and learning combined with my professional background and strong leadership skills make me an ideal candidate. I am, like many others in our city, "Invested in Westlake."

– John Finucane

Rocky River Municipal Clerk of Court: Jeanne Gallagher

Can you name your Clerk of Court? Many residents are unaware of who they are and what they do. Many municipalities have appointed Clerks but the Rocky River Clerk of Court is an elected position.

I am currently serving the citizens of Cuyahoga County as an assistant bailiff in the courtroom of the Honorable Judge Kristin W. Sweeney. It is in this capacity that I have learned just how vital the Clerk position is to the operation of the Court. A wrong order could result in garnishment of wages or liens on property or assets. Untimely-filed documents could result in dismissals of important cases. These are issues that most don't think about until it directly affects them. These are issues that are important to me.

I want to be a Clerk that makes your experience with the Court as simple and painless as possible. I want to be trusted to process and archive all Court records in accordance with the requirements established by the Supreme Court of Ohio. The citizens must trust me to be



fiscally responsible to the communities.

I am inspired by the constant changing of technology. I would like to research available grants and funding for smartphone applications that put court information at your fingertips as well as payment options using the swiping of

a card immediately when issued your ticket. Someone that receives a waivable ticket can pay it instantly and keep moving.

Lastly I want to be visible. I want the citizens to know who I am. I want them to see me throughout the year making an impact in these communities, volunteering my time and services and giving back. Sharing in the concerns and helping in the improvements for all the residents and users of the court is my inspiration.

– Jeanne Gallagher

Rocky River Municipal Court serves Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Rocky River and the Metroparks.

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BAY VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by JOYCE SANDY

The approach of fall means that everyone is busy with school, sports, vacation getaways and indoor and outdoor projects at home. The library is the place to find books that will help you with those, and it's also a place to get away from it all and have some fun! Come to the following programs and stay to check out a book or two. We're here to help you find just the one you need!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Sept. 19 (7 p.m.) CLEVELAND POLICE MUSEUM: PROGRESSIVES TO DEPRESSION – The Cleveland Police Museum is dedicated to preserving the history of the department, which was formed in 1866. Learn about the history, artifacts and documents from the Progressive Era to the Depression.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 (7:30 p.m.) SWINGING BAVARIANS – Come and enjoy this 12-piece Bavarian swing band that plays authentic German

polka waltzes and music from the '40s and '50s.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Saturday, Sept. 21 (2 p.m.) G2P: SMASHCON13 – THE TOURNAMENT – For grades 6-12. Think you've mastered Super Smash Bros. Brawl? Test your skills against other gamers in this county-wide tournament. The top two brawlers from each site will advance to the final championship at the new Garfield Heights Branch on Nov. 16.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Saturday, Sept. 21 (11 a.m.) MOVIN AND GROOVIN – Enjoy a story then put on your dancing shoes for some fun moving and grooving to the music!

Wednesday, Sept. 25 (4 p.m.) FUN WITH LINDSAY WARD – For ages 4-10. Children's author Lindsay Ward will demonstrate how she puts together a picture book. Her new book will be available for purchase and signing.

Thursday, Sept. 26 (11 a.m.) PRESCHOOL PALS – For ages 3-1/2 to 5 on their own. Join us for a special storytime just for

preschoolers! They will come in on their own while their adult caregiver relaxes in the children's room. We'll share books, songs, rhymes and fun!

Thursday, Sept. 26 (6-8 p.m.) READER BOOTCAMP – For grades 1-3. Parents and their children who are struggling with reading skills are invited to a pizza dinner and a two-part program of information and fun. Parents will join a learning specialist to learn tips for working with their children at home, while children remain with the librarian for fun, reading-based activities. Then, families participate together. This is a four-week program on Thursday evenings.

Thursday, Sept. 26 (3:30 p.m.) JUNIOR ENGINEERING – For ages 8-12. Bring your ideas and imagination! Get together once a month with other students and have fun creating all kinds of structures.

Please register to attend these programs online at cuyahogalibrary.org, calling 871-6392 or when you stop in at 502 Cahoon Road. We'll see you soon! ●

Swinging Bavarians to visit the Bay Library

by JOYCE SANDY

It's time to button up your lederhosen for another Oktoberfest! The Swinging Bavarians, an oompah band, are arriving just in time to celebrate the season and shake some books off the shelf at the Bay Village Branch Library.

The Swinging Bavarians originated in the 1980s after a group of musicians from the Al Koran Shriners got together to play tunes from an old Czech music book. They entered the Shriners' German band competition in 1990 and earned a "Superior" rating that year and for the following 13 years.

In addition to marches, polkas and waltzes, this Oktoberfest brass band plays old sing-along favorites like "How Much is that Doggie in the

Window," "Tennessee Waltz" and "The Happy Wanderer." Also included in their repertoire are "Margie," "Five Foot Two," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "String of Pearls," "Pretty Woman" and "Disco Lives."

If you want to sing and swing along with the Bavarians, join us at the Bay Village Branch Library on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Registration is requested as seating is limited. Please register by calling the branch, 440-871-6392 or online at cuyahogalibrary.org. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch. ●



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Explore the history of the Cleveland Police Department

by BARB ISAACS

The Cleveland Police Museum is dedicated to preserving the history of the Cleveland Police Department, which was formed in 1866. It exists to use its collection and programs to educate the public and foster mutual understanding and respect between law enforcement and the public. Policing Cleveland 100 years ago drastically changed by the 1920s when Prohibition

was implemented.

Please join us for this presentation in which the rich history, artifacts and documents from the Cleveland Police Department during the Progressive Era (1890-1914) to The Depression (1914-1933) will be discussed. Registration for this program, to be held on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m., is requested by calling the Bay Village Branch at 440-871-6392 or register online, at cuyahogalibrary.org. ●

SPORTING VIEWS

When the 'it' hits the fan

by JEFF BING

If you're a Browns, Indians or Cavs fan, you're probably familiar with the old refrain sung by team management in defense of questionable draft picks and/or shaky talent received in trades. I'm talking about the worn-out line, "[Such-and-such] will be better once we surround him with a little more talent."

I don't know about you, but I'm tired of hearing that line in this town day after day, week after week, year after year. Jeez, if Cleveland were a country, that would be the title of our national anthem. Then again, when you consider the cast of characters on Cleveland's City Council, it would certainly fit, wouldn't it?

In the world of sports, coaches and general managers often refer to something called the "it factor". If you're not familiar with the term, it doesn't surprise me, and only serves to highlight the reason why Cleveland sports seem to be perpetually stuck in mediocrity – or worse. When it comes to sports heroes, rarely do any who represent our city ever possess "it". Why "it" is such an elusive commodity in this town escapes me.

When I speak of the "it factor", I'm referring to that special intangible that enables a person – in this case, an athlete – to respond to the challenges which lie in front of him and raise not only his level of play, but also the level of those who surround him. It's not something which can be taught; you either have "it" or you don't. But that doesn't mean you can't lose "it". Given how fragile the ego of a sports professional is, both internal and external factors can make

"it" disappear virtually overnight.

I'm talking specifically about Brandon Weeden, quarterback of the Browns. For just over a year now, we've been hearing how Brandon just needs to be surrounded by more talent to be a successful NFL quarterback. Personally, I don't buy it. Quarterbacks such as Bernie Kosar and Brian Sipe had "it", and I don't mean because they won right away, because they didn't.

However, they way they carried themselves, their demeanor on the field, and the perception that they were always in total control of the situation, led fans – as well as their teammates – to believe that they were the ones who would take the team to the next level. They made their teams better – at least competitive, immediately – and didn't require an influx of talent to make their respective teams better. You see, they were the influx of talent, not someone else.

Weeden, on the other hand, has never looked all that comfortable while directing the Browns offense. Rather than emitting a vibe of quiet confidence, he looks nervous and jittery; a quality which can't inspire confidence from his teammates. Consequently, I don't see him as the answer, as much – believe me – as I'd like to.

I, on the other hand, have apparently been blessed with "it" for many years now. I mean, you have no idea how many times someone who has read one of my columns has been kind enough to inform me that I'm "full of it".

Sometimes an abundance of talent can be a curse. ●

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

Sept. 16-20, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;

Sept. 21, 7:30 a.m.-noon

Westlake Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Westlake residents only. No businesses, churches or schools. Accepted materials: oil- or solvent-based paints, sealers, primers, coatings, paint thinner, spray paint, pesticides, herbicides, motor oil, car batteries, mercury, fluorescent light bulbs. Not accepted: latex paint, medical waste, explosives, tires, electronics. For a complete list, visit www.cityofwestlake.org. Call the Service Center at 440-835-6432 for more info.

Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 12:30-2 p.m.

Bay Village Women's Club Meeting

Meeting with refreshments followed by one-hour "tour of the skies" at the Planetarium. Prospective members and all interested persons are welcome. For information: 440-334-7539.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

Ohio Genealogical Society, Cleveland District trustee, Deborah Abbott, Ph.D., will present "Using Newspapers: An Overlooked Source." She will outline how using the internet can make newspaper research easier and how it can enhance your ancestor's biographical story. Program begins at 7 p.m. Social time, with refreshments is from 6:30-7 p.m. The public is invited at no charge.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7-9 p.m.

WestShore Republicans Inaugural Meeting

The West Side of Cuyahoga County has a new organization starting in September: The WestShore Republicans are holding their inaugural meeting with guest Kevin O'Brien of the Plain Dealer and words from Senator Rob Portman. All regional Republicans are encouraged to attend.

Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Thursday, Sept. 19, 9-11 a.m.

Writing from the Heart: Remembering Your Life

A four-session (9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 10/31) workshop presented by Claudia Taller. Write about important events in your life, perhaps mementos to leave to your family. Fee: \$35 Bay residents, \$37 non-residents. RSVP 835-6565.

Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Friday, Sept. 20, 6-7:30 p.m.

Bay High Homecoming Cookout

The Bay High School PTSA invites everyone to attend the Homecoming Cookout immediately following the Homecoming Parade at approximately 6 p.m. The cookout will be held in the grassy area west of the high school stadium. The "Rocket Meal Deal" includes a hot dog, chips, dessert and drink for \$5. Extra hot dogs are \$1.50. A la carte items are also available. Go Bay!

Bay High School, 29230 Wolf Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

WHS Dedication/Open House

A ribbon-cutting and dedication of the new Westlake High School will be followed by a community open house.

Westlake High School gym, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

Saturday, Sept. 21, 8 a.m.-noon

Westshore Mothers of Twins Fall Sale

More than 60 families selling gently used mater-

nity, baby and kid's clothing, toys and equipment. Homemade baked goods on sale. Cash only. \$5 Early bird admission, 8-9 a.m.; \$2 general admission, 9 a.m.-noon. Visit www.wmotc.org for more information.

Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.

Saturday, Sept. 21, 1-3 p.m.

Post-mastectomy Wellness Series

Exercise and discussion sessions for women within one year post-mastectomy. Topics include body image, posture, safe exercises, core strength, nutrition, and weight management. Meets Saturdays, Sept. 21 & 28, 1-3 p.m. Advance registration (216-595-9546) and written authorization from your physician required.

The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Saturday, Sept. 21, 4-8 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner

Everyone is invited to come for all-you-can-eat spaghetti, meatballs, salad, Italian bread, beverages and homemade desserts. Tickets will be sold at the door and presale. Adults \$10; children \$5 (ages 6-12); ages 5 and under free. Early bird senior citizen meals just \$8 from 4-5 p.m. Take-out will be available. Quarts of Nick's spaghetti sauce, meatballs and homemade salad dressing will be sold that night and also can be reserved by calling the church office at 331-9433. Reserve take-out meals by calling the church office.

Rockport United Methodist Church, 3301 Wooster Rd., Rocky River

Sunday, Sept. 22, noon-3 p.m..

WHS Time Capsule Ceremony

A tie capsule ceremony will be followed by a community open house.

Westlake High School rotunda, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

Monday, Sept. 23, 11:30 a.m.

Bay Village Garden Club: "I Survived the Bugs of 2013"

Charles Behnke, professor emeritus of the Ohio State University, will discuss what bugged us in 2013 and what we can do to thwart them next year. Light luncheon included. There is a \$5 fee for guests. Reservations may be made on bayvillagegardenclub.com or by calling Judy at 440-871-8578.

Bay Village Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

Monday, Sept. 23, 7-8 p.m.

Levy Information Night

Westlake Superintendent Dan Keenan and Cris Kennedy, chairperson for Citizens for Westlake Schools, will inform the community about facts regarding the Westlake City Schools' 5.4-mill operating levy - Issue 88 - on the Nov. 5 ballot. There will be an opportunity for questions after the presentation.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 9:30-11 a.m.

Power Struggles/Control Issues: What's A Parent To Do?

Presenter Ron Chidsey will be sharing techniques developed by the Love and Logic Institute. This is a practical parenting method that takes the exhaustion out of parenting little ones and helps put the fun into developing your child into the person you know they can be! Love and Logic provides simple solutions and practical techniques to help parents raise responsible kids, have more fun in their parenting role and easily and immediately change their children's behavior. Free professional childcare is available but must be reserved by contacting the church office at westlakeumc@west-

lakeumc.org. Register online at chidseyseminars.com to reserve your spot in class or call the church office at 440-871-3088. This program is hosted by the Weekday Moms group of Westlake UMC.

Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2-3:30 p.m.

Group for Women with Breast Cancer

Women with breast cancer are welcome to attend this monthly drop-in support group for the opportunity to find mutual support and connect with others. For more information call 216-595-9546.

The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

North Coast Chapter, Embroiderers' Guild of America

During the monthly meeting, we will be learning how to do Brazilian embroidery as part of a small project taught by one of our members.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Friday, Sept. 27, 1-2:30 p.m.

Enjoying Life on an Adult Tricycle

[Rescheduled from Aug. 9.] Join us for a free presentation and workshop on adult tricycles. Learn about what to select, how to ride, where to go and why you should consider an adult trike if you are a senior who wants to have fun and a healthy way to get around. Presented by Village Bicycle Cooperative. Refreshments will be served. Please call ahead for a reservation, 440-835-6565.

Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Saturday, Sept. 28, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fall Festival Benefit for the Cleveland APL

Join us for a day of games, food and music as we help find loving homes for the Animal Protective League's animals. \$5 child admission benefits APL. Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2-3:30 p.m.

Creating Positive Sibling Relationships

Do you worry about your children's fighting and teasing? Do you want to know how to help your children develop a positive relationship with their sibling(s)? Come join this parent discussion group led by Behavioral Health Services of Greater Cleveland and learn about how to create positive sibling relationships in your household. This presentation will be applicable to both households with a child with a diagnosed developmental delay and households where all children are "typically developing." Childcare is provided but space is limited. To reserve a spot for your child, visit www.connectingforkids.org.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m.-midnight

Parents without Partners Fundraising Dance

Come and join us! Parents without Partners Chapter 1395, serving west Cuyahoga and Lorain County, is sponsoring a dance for singles and couples. Line dance lessons are from 7-8 p.m. The evening will feature a DJ, snacks and a cash bar. Tickets are \$8 per person, available the night of the dance. For more information please call Kim at 440-847-8307.

Elks Lodge, 24350 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

AARP Driver Safety Class

Cars have changed and so have traffic rules, driving conditions and the roads you travel every day. Refresh your skills and save on premiums with some

insurance companies (check yours). Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Make checks payable to AARP. Call 835-6565 to register.

Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:45 p.m.

Westlake Candidates Forum

A classic League of Women Voters format will be used, with each candidate in a contested race giving short opening and closing remarks and an LWV moderator posing audience questions that have been screened for duplication, clarity, relevance and appropriateness. The candidates for Board of Education will appear first, followed at 7:30 p.m. by the contested candidates for City Council Wards 1, 2 and 6.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1-2:30 p.m.

Free Family History Research Help Session

If you need help getting started or have come to a "road block" in your journey to find your ancestors, members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will be available to assist you at the computer terminals. There is no charge for this service.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.

Bay Village Candidates Forum

A classic League of Women Voters format will be used, with each candidate in a contested race giving short opening and closing remarks and an LWV moderator posing audience questions that have been screened for duplication, clarity, relevance and appropriateness. The two mayoral candidates will appear first. The three uncontested City Council candidates will speak for three minutes each to introduce themselves and their views. Finally, the six candidates in the contested elections for City Council Wards 2, 3 and 4 will discuss their visions and plans for Bay Village.

Bay High School auditorium, 29230 Wolf Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 3, 7-8 p.m.

Levy Information Night

Westlake Superintendent Dan Keenan and Cris Kennedy, chairperson for Citizens for Westlake Schools, will inform the community about facts regarding the Westlake City Schools' 5.4-mill operating levy - Issue 88 - on the Nov. 5 ballot. There will be an opportunity for questions after the presentation.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Friday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Flu Shots

Flu shots protect against this year's strains. Some insurances will cover the \$30 cost (check with yours to be sure). You will need both your Medicare card and insurance card. Or payment may be made by cash or a check payable to Maxim Healthcare. Please wear short sleeves. Appointments required, call 440-899-3409 or 899-3442.

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