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Planting Day kicks off Westlake in Bloom



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The 2014 Westlake in Bloom community beautification program got underway May 17 on a gloomy Saturday with the traditional Planting Day at the flower boxes along Hilliard Boulevard. Westlake City Council has two boxes that were bedded with white begonias surrounding licorice splash plants, forming a 'W'. The council planting crew included (l-to-r) councilman Nick Nunnari and his wife, Alice; councilman Michael O'Donnell; council president Michael Killeen; councilman Mark Getsay; and councilmember Lynda Appel.

Mayor sees brighter times ahead for Bay

by TARA WENDELL

There is light at the end of the tunnel. In her annual State of the City address on May 13, Mayor Deborah Sutherland was



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Bay Village Mayor Debbie Sutherland delivers her State of the City address at the May 13 West Shore Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

guardedly optimistic as she discussed the current affairs of Bay Village with members of the West Shore Chamber of Commerce. While times are still tight in regard to the budget, some of the cost-cutting initiatives set in place last year are starting to bear fruit and civic organizations continue to help enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Revenues were down by almost 10 percent last year, due in large part to the loss of the estate tax. "We used to get about \$1.2 million a year, sometimes we had gone as high as \$15 million [or] as low as \$300,000, but there was always that inflow," Sutherland said. "So we had to really scramble and last year was the first year that we had a major reduction because the estate tax has been eliminated."

To cope with the loss of funds, the city kept cutting expenses. The workforce was reduced by 14 full-time employees, saving the city nearly \$500,000 last year. The building department was privatized on May 1, 2013, with the city outsourcing a three-year contract to SAFEbuilt. The mayor expects

the switch to generate \$450,000 in savings this year.

Despite the lean financial situation, Sutherland remains optimistic that as the economy continues to recover, the city is in position to bounce back.

"We, I think, in Bay Village have been very, very successful through this economic downturn and we still, just by the way that we're funded, are going to lag behind the economic pickup that some of you may be experiencing as small business owners. Eventually, in maybe 3-5 years, we'll be up with everybody else, but it's still going to be tough for municipalities for the next couple of years."

More than 2,000 building permits were issued in 2013, valued at nearly \$31 million, including 14 new residential homes – four more than the year before. The city welcomed two new pizza shops and a furniture store. St. Raphael's has begun demolition of the existing church, rectory and garage and construction of a new church, chapel and community room. Bradley Bay Health Center received a permit to construct a 36-bed memory care unit on their campus.

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Dover Center historical home free to a good owner

Owners of circa 1874 home will donate structure to a new owner willing to relocate it

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

The last structure standing from the early crossroads community of Dover Centre, a neighborhood of Dover Township, is available for free. Dr. William Bennett, who recently vacated the building at 2650 Dover Center Road, is interested in giving away the structure, valued by the county at \$93,700, if someone is willing to relocate it.

Dr. and Mrs. Bennett purchased it in 1995 and have done a beautiful job of maintaining the property for his dental office. They recently moved the dental practice to another historic building in Westlake – the "1820 House" at 27748 Center Ridge Road, formerly occupied by the orthodontist practice of the late Dr. Bruce Harwood.

The one word that comes to mind when driving by the blue shingled structure with black shutters and white trim at 2650 Dover Center is "cute." It is a fairly plain structure which retains a simple residential charm despite years of commercial use. At one time it was an antique store run by Gretchen Wang, before that possibly a store called "Vick's" and according to notes compiled in the 1950s by Glenn Tanner, it may have held the offices of Dr. Russell Pease years ago. The county assigns a construction date for the building of 1863 though tax records do not support this.

An 1874 atlas shows "L.W. Guild" as owning a structure tight against the northwest corner of Dover Center and Center Ridge. "F.W. Guild" is shown as owning a structure north of it. Both are shown on rectangular parcels with the long sides fronting on Dover Center Road. Both are small, L-shaped structures which

roughly match the footprint of the Bennett house but are not oriented toward the street in the same way. The structure may have already been moved once in its history!

In the 1850 Federal Census members of the Guild family are listed as living in the town of Mesopotamia in Trumbull County, Ohio.

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Fayette Guild, a harness maker, was likely the first owner of 2650 Dover Center Road.



It is GO TIME for Relay for Life of Westshore

by AMY BREDIGER

Less than five days remain until we support Finishing The Fight on cancer! The worker bees have been busy gearing up for the big event and we are ready to have a great time. Our bees have put together a full day of fun and excitement. We have more than tripled our participants this year and we are within reach of our goals.

The Relay starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, and goes non-stop for 18 hours, ending at 8 a.m. on Sunday. So please make time to come out to Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd., for the event. Whether or not you can support Relay financially, our sense of community is most important. We want to come together for a greater cause.

A few reminders:

- The event is open to the public with fun and games, food, music and a carnival atmosphere.
- There is a Free Survivor Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. catered by Marigold Catering, Fragapane Bakery and Mitchell's



Ice Cream for anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer and a spouse/caregiver/friend.

- Luminaria are available at the event and they make for an amazing end to the night.
- There will be plenty of friendly, fun people to share your day with.

I am truly looking forward to this year and hope to see you all there. No more meetings, no more articles, no more set up. Just fun! Great raffle prizes, dunk tank, bounce house, a DJ and the Bay High School Choir singing during the Luminaria Ceremony. What more could you ask for?

I want to finish this last article by thanking everyone involved. A very

special thank you to Tara and Denny Wendell with The Observer who have allowed me to share my story and get the word out. They are almost family after these last three years and I am grateful to them for including my articles in their issues. They manage a wonderful paper and are a great family. Thank you.

See you all in five days. I will be the one with bags under my eyes standing in front of you trying to do what I am most afraid of ... public speaking. We all have our fears but for some reason I feel at home here, at Relay for Life.

Thank you to everyone who has followed me and I will write again in six months when we are gearing up for next year.

Hug someone today – you may not know how much that individual needs it.

Please get in touch with me as soon as you can if you would like to participate in the Survivor Luncheon. You can show up that day and register, but if you can give me a quick call at 440-666-0662 so I can let the caterer know some appropriate numbers. Thank you. ●

STATE OF THE CITY

from front page

Bay Village's other city departments made improvements in terms of efficiency, innovation and services to residents.

"I have asked so much of our employees and our directors," Sutherland said. "I'm so grateful to them because there is no way that we would have been able to do what we've done over the past 5 or 6 years without their expertise and leadership and they're just phenomenal."

New service director Scott Thomas

has worked to improve efficiency, reorganizing the service garage, implementing a work-order software program and examining fuel-saving options for city vehicles. The Cahoon Road sewer replacement mandated by the EPA will be wrapping up in the next few weeks.

The community services department saw an increase in participation in activities and programs, and performed more than 14,000 outreach services in 2013. The recreation department offers 36 programs for youth and adults, and the Bay Pool hosted 70,000 swimmers last summer.

The fire department responded to 1,300 calls for service and for the first time in department history all officers have been trained to the national standards of the Fire Officer II level.

The police department went through a changing of the guard as longtime Chief David Wright retired and Mark Spaetzel was promoted to the post. Volunteer auxiliary officers saved the city \$15,000 in overtime pay. The number of car accidents, service calls and overall serious crimes all declined last year. Officer Mark Palmer was recognized by University Hospitals' Safe Communities Coalition for leading the

department with 49 DUI arrests.

Community groups and civic volunteers continue to play an important role in supplementing the city's services to residents. Mayor Sutherland praised the Bay Village Green Team as being one of the most active and successful in the region, with a thriving community garden of more than 130 plots, and recycling efforts that pushed the city to No. 3 in the county in overall recycling tonnage. The Village Bicycle Cooperative promotes cycling safety and advocacy from its new location in the Community House.

The Village Project continues to grow, recently expanding from its humble beginnings in the Bay Presbyterian Church kitchen to a larger facility on West Oviatt, and widening its service area to include Avon Lake and Rocky River.

"Our residents are really engaged," Sutherland said. "We love our businesses; the schools, the community groups and churches are all very involved. It's really a true, true community and it's because of all those aspects that we all love Bay Village." ●

To view slides from Mayor Sutherland's presentation, visit the mayor's page on the city's website, cityofbayvillage.com.

CORRECTION The photo in last issue's Westlake in Bloom article was incorrectly identified. The garden is in Ted and Dawn Spence's garden, which tied for first place last year in the Garden with Pond or Water Feature category.

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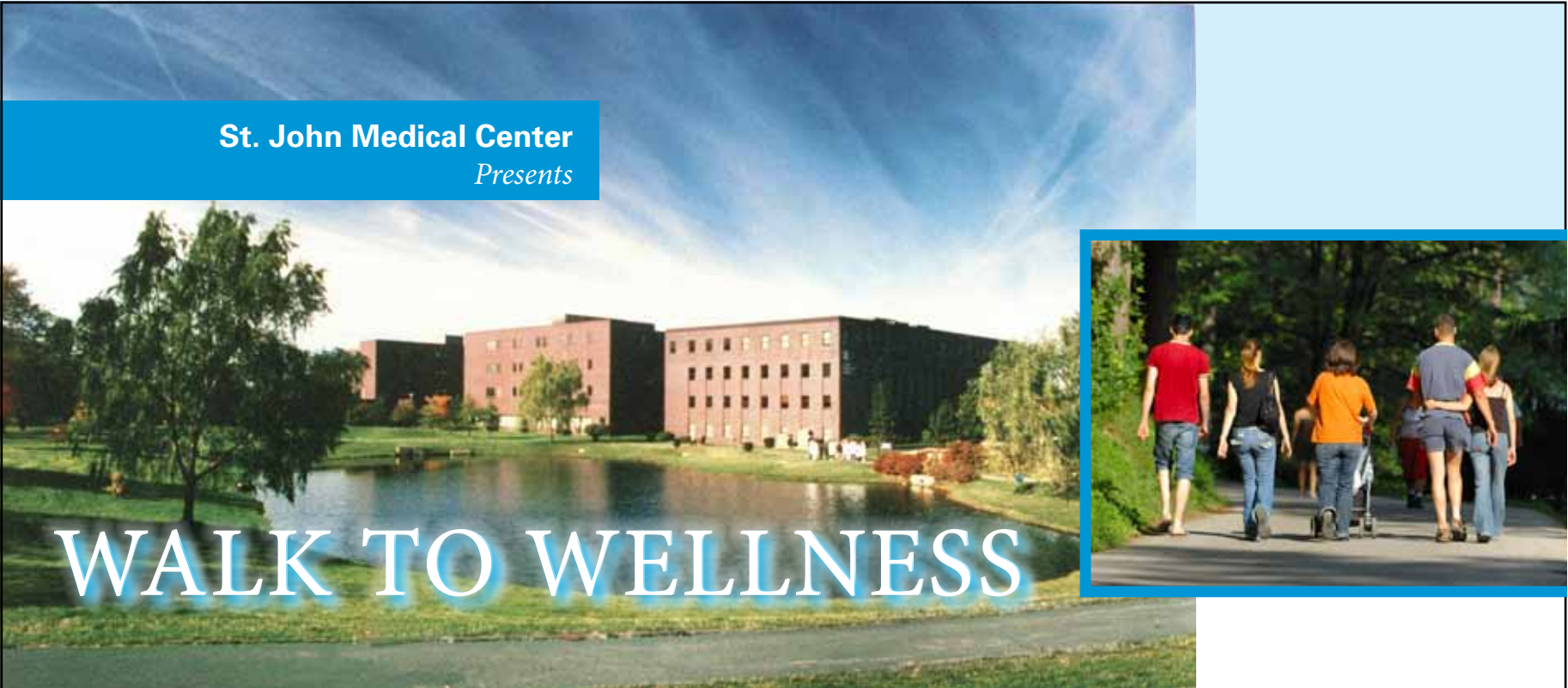
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from front page

In 1852, Wellington Guild purchased 90 acres of land in Dover Township. That same year, a map of Dover shows a harness shop tight against the north-west corner of what is today Dover Center and Center Ridge roads.

In 1853 other members of the Guild family purchased various parcels in Dover Township. The family group included Lawrence Winfield Guild, a saddle and harness-maker, who may have accompanied his brother in the move to Dover and set up his harness shop in 1852. Their parents, Oliver R. and Mary C. Guild, purchased 20.5 acres of land on the northwest corner in 1853.

In February 1862 Lawrence Guild's wife died and by August of that year 41-year-old Lawrence married 18-year-old Mary Ann Jenkins of Dover. At least part of the reason was to provide a mother to his infant son and three older children, ages 12, 7 and 4.

In 1864 Lawrence was drafted into the Union Army, it is not clear if he ever served.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

The "Guild house," located at 2650 Dover Center Road, is available for free to someone willing to relocate it.

The regular 1870 Federal Census shows Lawrence and Mary Ann living with five children and owning \$3,740 worth of real estate. They are listed as living in the Coe Post Office area of Dover Township.

An 1870 Non-population Federal Census for Lawrence lists him as a harness make with \$1,300 capital invested in his business, one male employee over 16 years old and \$800 worth of production for 1869.

In 1871, for \$50, L.W. Guild sold 21-year-old Fayette W. Guild, his eldest son, land north of the "Cleveland Elyria Road" (Center Ridge), probably the land on which

the subject house is constructed.

This and other factors suggest that it was Fayette who constructed the subject house before his marriage to Floanna Hayes of Dover in 1879. The 1880 census lists Fayette as a 30-year-old harness maker and head of his own household with Floanna in Dover.

Because members of the Guild family owned this land from 1853 until it was sold to L.E. Hayes (perhaps a relative of Floanna's?) after the death of Mary Ann Guild in 1927, it is fairly safe to call the vacant building at 2650 Dover the "Guild house." We hope the house can be saved. ●

WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical society hosting old-fashioned ice cream social

by LYSA STANTON

Is anyone really sure how long people have enjoyed ice cream? We know that it was a favorite of our first President, George Washington. Did you know that the Clague family also enjoyed this sweet cool treat as well?

The Westlake Historical Society invites you to an old-fashioned ice cream social on Friday, June 6, 6-8:30 p.m., on the lawn of the historic Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Road.

This is a great opportunity to meet other people in the community and members of our historical society. Families and friends can all enjoy the beautiful setting, guided tours of the museum, and some of the best ice cream and treats around.

There is no charge for this event, but any donations received will benefit the Historical Society. A wide variety of cold, delicious ice cream, toppings of all kinds, and root beer floats will be available. Both cups and cones will also be available.

The farm was established by the Clague family in 1837. The Clague family donated the family farm to be used as a park and library. The museum houses and displays many artifacts belonging to the Clague family, as well as other pioneer families, and residents of our community.

For more information about the Westlake Historical Society, please visit: www.westlakeohhistory.org. or call the society 440-808-1961. You may also find us on Facebook. ●

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SPORTING VIEWS

Do away with the cliché

by JEFF BING

I was watching the Indians game (I know, I know, so much for my credibility) a couple of nights ago on the tube. Well, at least I *think* it was an Indians game, but I'll be the first to admit that – after watching the Indians kick the ball around the infield like the Keystone Kops – there are times I mistake the Tribe for an episode of “America’s Funniest Home Videos.”

Anyway, as the game progressed, I heard Rick Manning and Matt Underwood reference numerous sports clichés over the course of the telecast. This isn’t to pick on the TV crew, as Tom Hamilton and Jim Rosenhaus do the very same thing on the radio. Truth be told, tired clichés are now commonplace virtually everywhere in the sporting world. (In fact, at any college worth its salt, I’m pretty sure Clichés 101 is a prerequisite for Basic Announcing Fundamentals: What To Say When You Got Nuthin’.)

I don’t know about you, but there are some clichés which I’ve heard so many times – from so many sources – that my skin begins to crawl before the announcer is even done uttering it. Of course, my reasons for disliking the statement may be radically different from yours. Just the same, let’s look at a few, shall we? For example:

1. “Mistakes will come back to haunt you.” Really going out on a limb there, aren’t we? Let’s see ... two errors, three unearned runs, we lose by two. Wow! Has anyone dis-

closed the parallel to Tito? Want to know what else will come back to haunt you? That cliché, because I changed the channel shortly after realizing that *nothing* was worth the price of having to listen to that drivel.

2. “He took one for the team.” Oh yeah? Then how come he jumped about 10 feet into the air to try and avoid getting *hit* by the pitch? That’s like me saying I’m taking one for the team while I’m heading in for a root canal. Sometimes life just throws one a little too far inside to avoid, if you know what I mean. And even if you *don’t* know what I mean.

3. “It’s gut-check time.” Personally, that happens to me every morning when I try to tighten the belt on my pants. I have no idea what those guys are talking about, but I wish they’d stop bringing it up. Makes me feel self-conscious.

4. “It is what it is.” Remember when Popeye – ever the philosopher – said, “I yam what I yam?” “It is what it is” is about as prolific as that which Popeye gave us. Whenever some guy, who’s getting paid to offer his opinion on something, offers that as the best response he can muster, I search frantically for the mute button. I mean, has anybody ever said, “It *isn’t* what it is?” Of course not, because it makes no sense ... just like this column.

Keep in mind though, that loyal reader(s) know how to keep what I write in perspective. They just remind themselves ... “It is what it is.” ●

Unity hosting wellness fair June 7

by SHARON FEDOR

Live well, think well, eat well, be well, get well, stay well. We hear these short, two-word sentiments all the time. Well, well, well. Just as long as you don’t tumble down one, because your wellness is something that should be taken seriously, but with a splash of fun, and a dash of the alternatives.

Come join us at Centered Wellness’s Wellness Fair where there will be plenty of “well” and various ways to nurture and sustain your own wellness. Scheduled for Saturday June 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., there will be ample time to browse and meet our caring practitioners. Admission is \$5.

There are two celebrated keynote speakers: Dr. Janet Levatin, homeopathic physician and vocal proponent for holistic health care, at noon, and Noah St. John, author and inventor of “Affirmations,” at 2 p.m.

Practitioners of all kinds will be here to offer their services from A to Z. Experience and educate yourself, try organic food from P.U.R.E. Love, get a medical intuitive reading, experience reflexology, check out hand-crafted jewelry, and smell the great Arbonne products.

Here’s just a sampling of who and what you will find at the Wellness Fair held at Unity Spiritual Center of Westlake.

The word “yoga” comes from the Sanskrit root, “yuj” meaning “to yoke” or “unite” the physical body with spirit. Not all exercise needs to involve jumping, dancing, or pumping. Yoga utilizes and combines breath control, specific postures, and meditation. Meet Tolisa or Ranni for Yoga tips and classes. Attend the 9 a.m. Yoga session, stay for the

entire day at no cost!

EFT, or Emotional Freedom Techniques, can calm your fears and bring you new inner strength. Tapping on specific points of the skin signals and shifts brain activity towards the positive. Come meet Betsy Muller, EFT practitioner, and learn more about this simple yet powerful therapy.

Can you energize your money at the same time you energize your life? Do you have an excellent relationship with your money or have never thought of the possibility of having a relationship with your money? Come meet Jan Litterst, Transitional Money Coach, and find out more.

Reiki is really two Japanese words, “Rei” meaning the higher power, “ki” meaning life force energy. Reiki is a healing technique based on the principle that the practitioner channels energy to trigger the healing process. Benefits include feelings of deep peace and a greater sense of well-being. Like various types of Yoga such as Hatha, Raja, and Bhakti, there are various types of Reiki, such as Shamanic Reiki which gives serene relaxation in a sacred environment. Don’t exclude your pet from Reiki, animals can receive the benefits also. Come meet Medical Intuitive Mary Maynard, for your pets meet Sheila and Debbie of Beyond the Bag Pet Nutrition.

Centered Wellness is an affiliation of practitioners whose collective goal is to help individuals in their personal transformational journeys, based on cooperation, allowing the law of attraction to take full effect.

Unity Spiritual Center is located at 23855 Detroit Road in Westlake, For more information, visit www.unityspiritualcenter.com. ●

Westlake Rec shines with summer programs

by JIM DISPIRITO

Pee Wee Softball (ages 4-5) – This popular program is back and is designed for children not in kindergarten. Must turn 4 by June 1 and not 6 before August 1. Children will learn the basics of the game. Hitting is done by underhand coach pitch. A batting tee will be available upon request. Program runs 2 days a week for 45 minutes each day. Check the Rec Gazette for more details. Program starts June 23 or 24. Deadline to register is June 2; fee is \$40 for Westlake residents, \$50 for non-residents.

Youth Basketball Skills, Drills & Fun (for grades completed K-4) – This program combines skills and drills with game action. Boys and girls will participate on different days. Program starts June 23 or 24. Fee is \$40 for Rec members, \$45 for Westlake residents, \$50 for non-residents.

Soccer Camp with Coach Mike Besu (ages 5-14) – Designed for kids who want to work on their soccer skills between seasons. Campers should bring a water bottle, spikes and shin guards with them. Weekly sessions include start June 17, July 14, August 4. All sessions held at the Westlake Recreation Center soccer fields. Fee is \$90 for Westlake residents, \$110 for non-residents.

41st Annual Phil Bova Baseball Camp (ages 7-14) – Coach Phil Bova leads a staff with over 200 years of coaching experience. This camp includes a daily lunch, shirt and cap. Campers will be taught all aspects of the game. Fee is \$240 per camper. For more information visit www.bovacamps.com. June 23-27.

Summer Day Camp (Entering Grades 1-6) – Our popular summer day camp has been redesigned to embrace the active nature of the Recreation Center. Each week will focus on incorporating a sport or other activity element into daily activities. Lunch and a snack are now included; children will need to bring a towel and swim suit with them daily. Please consult our Rec Gazette for more information and pricing. The first week of camp will be June 9-13.

The Westlake Baseball School (ages 7-14) – Former St. Edward High School varsity baseball coach John Whelan heads this program. The focus will be on improving your child’s fielding, hitting and throwing technique. There will be a special 2-hour clinic to start and then weekly classes to follow. Check out our website at www.cityofwestlake.org/recreation for more information. Clinic will be held on Wednesday, June 18. Fee is \$85 for Rec members, \$100 for non-members.

Girls Open Gym Basketball (Grades 5-6) – This unique program is to allow girls in grades 5 and 6 to come up and just play basketball. Each week, 5 on 5 pickup games will be held. There are no set teams, practice etc. Session runs on Mondays from June 16-July 21, 6:30-8 p.m. Fee is \$25 for Rec members, \$30 for non-members.

More information regarding all of these programs and more can be found at our website at www.cityofwestlake.org/recreation or by stopping by the Recreation Center at 28955 Hilliard Blvd., calling us at 440-808-5700 or by picking up our new Rec Gazette. ●

Let’s take a walk!

by JAN HENDERSON

In 2004 when I moved back to northern Ohio, an ad in the local paper caught my eye: “Join us for a Polar Bear Walk through downtown Cleveland.” I wondered what kind of group would be sponsoring a 10K walk along the shores of Lake Erie during the first week of January. I decided to find out and on an unusually warm winter day I began a walking journey that has continued these past 10 years. The monthly walks from May to November have taken me to interesting neighborhoods and beautiful parks throughout northeast Ohio with the added bonus of meeting a wonderful group of new friends.

The group that sponsored the Polar Bear walk was Valley Vagabonds, a member of the Ohio Volkssport Association. I discovered that volkssports are self-paced, non-competitive events providing aerobic exercise in the form of walking, bicycling, swimming and cross-

country skiing. Volkssporting in the United States is sponsored by the American Volkssport Association.

The Cleveland Volkssport Club, Valley Vagabonds, was founded in June 1980. The club sponsors traditional and year-round walking events. Everyone, regardless of age or fitness level, is invited to participate in the events walking at their own pace following a trail map.

Registration for all events is free; however, a New Walker packet is available for those who want to obtain AVA credit for the walks which, after 10 events, individual walkers receive a patch and certificate for their accomplishments.

Twenty-five walkers enjoyed our May 17 walk at the Bradley Woods Reservation in Westlake. A list of upcoming 5K and 10K walks, including the Saturday, June 14, walk at the Vermillion Fish Festival, can be found at valleyvagabonds.wordpress.com. For more information, please contact our president, Deva Simon, at deva17@aol.com. ●

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Bay Community Council meets to discuss upcoming city events

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

The members of the Bay Village Community Council met recently to discuss events planned by their organizations.

The **Bay Village Kiwanis Club** believes that excellence in scholarship should be encouraged and acknowledged by the community. So, each year since 1962, the Kiwanis have sponsored the Annual Academic Achievement Program at Bay High School. More than \$80,000 in scholarships were awarded to Bay High graduating seniors by Bay Village community groups on May 27.

The Bay Village Kiwanis will sponsor the 2014 Bay Days community celebration on July 2 through July 5. A Classic Car Cruise-in is planned for July 2. Fireworks take place on the evening of July 4, with the Bike, Trike and Wagon Parade that morning. Concerts take place every evening in the gazebo.

The **Bay Village Historical Society's** 45th annual Cahoon in June antiques and fine crafts show is June 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Cahoon Memorial Park. Admission and parking are free. There will be live music and refreshments will be available for sale. Vendor spaces are \$75. Interested non-profit community groups are invited to participate with free booth space. Call Cynthia Eakin at 216-213-0312.

The Kiwanis and the Bay Historical Society will once again collaborate on the Cahoon Christmas event, planned for the first Saturday in December. Community groups interested in participating in that event should contact Cynthia Eakin or Rhonda Schneider.

The **Bay Village branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library** is having its third annual Ice Cream Social, with Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream, on June 25, 6 p.m. The adult summer reading game starts on June 7. The summer reading wrap party is Aug. 16 at the library, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., with refreshments, chalk the walk and tie-dye. The second annual Bay Cares Vol-

unteer Fair, a partnership between the library and the **Westlake | Bay Village Observer**, will be expanded this year as part of a Fall Fest on Oct. 4. Community groups will have informational tables throughout the library, with fall crafts, a scarecrow building contest and the Donut Lab food truck outside. More information is forthcoming; interested community groups may contact Tara Wendell, tara@wbvobserver.com, for details.

The **Village Project** presents Project Pedal on June 14, beginning at 9 a.m. The multi-generational bike ride for the entire family offers five separate bike routes to choose from, for different age groups. Three rest stops will offer refreshments, bike repair and medical assistance. The race is being followed by a nourishing meal cooked by the Village Project chefs. The ride begins and ends at Bay High School Memorial Stadium. There will be games, refreshments, an auction and raffles, and music by the School of Rock, and local choirs and musicians. Babysitting is available at the stadium. Visit www.ourvillageproject.com to register. Call 440-348-9401 for information.

The **Bay Village Chapter of the League of Women Voters** posted "get out the vote" signs prior to the May 6 election. League observers have been covering the first rewrite of the Civil Service Commission rules, the Planning Commission's revision of the attached residence housing ordinance and the Westshore Council of Governments. The chapter is asking Bay City Council to put a charter amendment on the fall ballot to eliminate write-in candidates in the general election. Two Good Citizen scholarships were presented by the League at the Kiwanis Award Night. The June 14 meeting in the library's large meeting room, at 9:30 a.m., will feature Superintendent Clint Keener talking about upcoming Bay Village school levies and progress on capital improvements. The chapter is looking for volunteers to sell ride tickets

at Bay Days. Volunteers do not need to be members and modest compensation is given. Contact Jane Blackie at 440-835-1448. The League is sponsoring a girls' softball team. The season begins on June 7 in Cahoon Park fields.

The **Bay Village Men's Club** awarded four \$1,500 scholarships at the Kiwanis Award Night. The club is participating in Bay Days with a booth. Club members are placing American flags at area businesses prior to Memorial Day. A clambake fundraiser will take place at the Bay Lodge on Oct. 11. It is open to the public.

The **Bay Village Community Band** Sunday summer concerts begin on June 8, 7 p.m., with "Broadway in the Park." Visit www.bvcb.org to see the full concert schedule. The band's third annual Huntington Playhouse fundraiser is July 24, 7:30 p.m., featuring a performance of the musical, "Catch Me if You Can." The \$20 admission includes a reception before the performance.

The **Bay Village Women's Club** recently awarded college scholarships to six Bay High seniors at the club's annual "Honors for Scholars" luncheon. The organization made recent donations to the Knickerbocker Westshore Senior Center, Bay High School special science project, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, the Village Project and the Bay Fireworks Fund. The club has Bay memorabilia for sale, including afghans and miniature houses. Cookbooks are for sale at Fragapane's bakery in the Dover Junction Shopping Center and playing cards are available at the Dwyer Senior Center. Proceeds from the sale are donated back to the community in different ways. The next meeting of the club is the second Thursday in June in the Police Station Community Room.

The **Martha Devotion Huntington Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution** (D.A.R.) has again teamed up with the Bay Village Kiwanis and the American Legion Post #385 to provide and install American flags for Bay residents who are unable to do it themselves. Call Deb Marisch at 440-871-7680 or email deb@spffutures.com. Contact Doris Gorgas at lablady76@wowway.com for chapter membership information.

The **Peter Navarre Chapter of the United States Daughter of 1812**

continues to offer War of 1812 Bicentennial coloring books. The organization is seeking volunteers to help with the online index to Ohio grave records of servicemen of the War of 1812. Visit www.ohiodaughters1812.org for details. Contact Marlene Wilkinson at marwilk32@hotmail.com for chapter membership information.

The **Lake Erie Nature and Science Center** Family Fest is June 1. The planetarium will reopen in June. The Women's Board is sponsoring an evening at Huntington Playhouse on July 17 to benefit the nature center. Tickets to "Catch Me if You Can" are \$25 and include a reception. Summer camps will be held once again in cooperation with BAYarts.

The **Bay Village Garden Club** has purchased a Blue Star Memorial Double Sided Marker and donated it to the City of Bay Village. The marker, permanently placed in the rose garden by the gazebo, honors the men and women who have served in the armed forces. Garden Club President Judy Minium will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony at the gazebo immediately following the Memorial Day parade. The garden club continues its activities to spring clean and plant the various gardens around the city of Bay Village.

The **Village Foundation** hosted its annual ceremony to install and dedicate a permanent bronze plaque honoring the John Harknett Family and a plaque memorializing the life of John Matyas. Three Bay High students were awarded scholarships and several volunteer groups received grants. For more information about The Village Foundation, the grant application process or contributions towards a plaque, call 440-899-3490.

The Bay Village Waterways Cleanup takes place on May 31, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by The Village Foundation, the City of Bay Village, The Green Team and Bay High School. Participants are invited to meet at Bay Middle School at 9:30 a.m. The Village Foundation began the program in 2006 with the help of the Bay City Services Department. Since that time, the event has blossomed into a well-organized, twice-yearly project headed by Project Earth Club at Bay High School under the direction of teacher Eryn Whistler Sutterlin. ●

Nonprofit founder honored with autism award

Sarah Rintamaki, founder and executive director of Connecting for Kids (CFK) of Westlake, is being honored at the Milestones 12th Annual Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference in June for her mission to provide education and support for families who have concerns about their child's development.

"Sarah's energy, passion and vision led to the creation of this vital organization [CFK] and is what sustains it," Andrew Mangels, director of Westlake Porter Public Library, wrote when he nominated Rintamaki. "She is, quite simply, a hero to hundreds of families whose lives have changed for the better because of her efforts."

Rintamaki will be awarded the Parent Tribute Award in recognition of the impact her work with



Sarah Rintamaki

Connecting for Kids is having in our community. She started CFK to help moms like her. When her two-year-old son had a speech delay and couldn't even say "mama," she was overwhelmed with doctor and specialist appointments.

"It was very overwhelming to try to find the 'right' therapies and programs for my son. I searched the internet every night until I was exhausted," Rintamaki said. "Then I started

to find other moms of kids who were struggling and together we helped each other find information and programs. We also helped each other to realize that we weren't the only parents of a child who struggled."

In 2011 Rintamaki launched CFK, so that she

could give to other moms what those moms gave to her. In just over two years, CFK has had more than 2,000 participants from Cleveland's westside communities. The organization focuses on families with children from birth to 12 years of age who have some concern about their child's development, serving all children including children with and without a formal diagnosis such as ADHD or Autism Spectrum Disorder.

"Sarah brings not only her business savvy but her own personal experience as a parent to building Connecting for Kids," said Ilana Hoffer Skoff, Milestones executive director and co-founder. "She is always thinking about the challenges parents face and ways to help parents connect with each other."

The conference will be held June 18-19 at the Cleveland I-X Center and will feature more than 75 educational workshops for parents and professionals. ●

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Cleveland Civil War Roundtable poetry contest winners

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Lee Burneson Middle School eighth-graders Alex Rujawitz, Audrey Lyle and Rachael Kaiser are the 2014 winners of the Jon Thompson Civil War Poetry Contest sponsored by the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable.

The three were honored at a dinner on May 14 at Cleveland's Judson Manor, where they read their winning entries – poetic interpretations of “The Widow,” a painting showing a Confederate widow being comforted by the ghost of her husband as she grieves at his tombstone.

The Cleveland Civil War Roundtable

sponsors the poetry contest annually at LBMS as part of the school's annual Civil War Days events, which includes a Civil War encampment and a Civil War ball. The three winners were chosen from 300 entries this year after LBMS teachers whittled the pool down to 30 finalists. They each received a \$50 prize and will recite their poems at the 24th LBMS Civil War Ball on May 30.

The contest is named in honor of retired LBMS language arts teacher – and current Civil War Roundtable president – Jon Thompson, who picks the top winners. Thompson taught for 35 years in the district before retiring in 2006. ●



Alex Rujawitz, Audrey Lyle and Rachael Kaiser were the winners of this year's Civil War Poetry Contest.

Bay High Rockettes to hold Mini-Rockette Camp

by HEIDI LANGER

The Bay Village High School Rockette team will hold a Mini-Rockette Camp on Saturday, August 16, in the Bay Middle School cafeteria, 27725 Wolf Road, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The camp is open to all children entering first through eighth grade and the cost of the camp is \$60 per child.

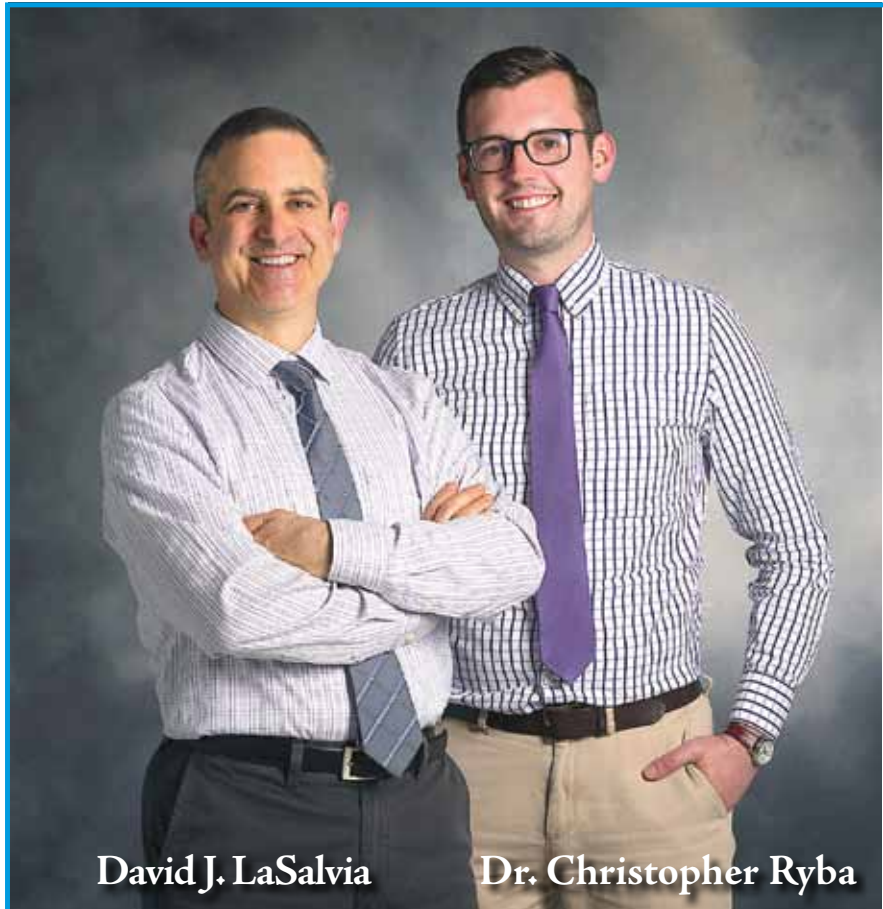
The camp will include: dance and flag skills, a special Rockette T-shirt, crafts and games, two snacks and lunch, face painting and poms for the performances. During the last hour of camp, the

Mini-Rockettes will perform the dances they learned at the camp. In addition, the Mini-Rockettes will perform during the pre-game festivities for a Bay High School football game at Bay High Stadium.

Interested individuals can find registration information at bit.ly/RdII7k or by contacting Leanne Rohlke at 440-871-0768 or ybagi@sbcglobal.net. Registration deadline is July 18. ●



RIGHT: BHS Rockette Hayley Langer and Mini-Rockette (and sister) Olivia Langer enjoy the Mini-Rockette Camp last year.



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FEATURED STUDENT: Katie Randazzo

Featuring some of our school districts' great high school students.

by KAREN DERBY

Bay High senior Katie Randazzo has used her time at her school to be an actor, a member of the stage chorus, and a student director of the cast and crew of Bay High's ambitious musical "Beauty and the Beast." She capped off her high school performances this year playing the wicked stepmother in Bay High's presentation of "Cinderella" while serving as vice president of the Bay High Thespians. But as much as she enjoys "treading the boards," Katie has her sights set on actually creating the stories that others perform. She plans to be a screenwriter.

Taking advantage last summer of a rare opportunity, Katie, along with her mom and dad, Jana and Thomas, and siblings Michael and Christina, watched

the filming of a scene from "Captain America: The Winter Soldier." This was not just any scene – Katie watched the famous "escalator kiss" between actors Chris Evans and Scarlett Johansson, and she even got a shot of it on her phone.

"I wasn't really thinking about the process of the camera shots at the time," said Katie. "But I've since started writing my own screenplay, and the screenwriter really does describe everything from the camera shots, to the set and the extras." She said one thing that particularly surprised her was the small number of "extras" and the small spaces in which the filming took place. "When I watched the movie, I could see that the camera angles made it look like a lot more people and a lot more space."

Her onstage and backstage efforts have led to her being named Best Thespian this year. Katie is also a



BHS senior Katie Randazzo

member of Bay High's National Honor Society, Bay High Key Club, and she serves as a mentor to younger students through the school's H.U.D.D.L.E. club. She writes for the Bay Window, Bay High's student newspaper, and for the school's literary magazine. She also indulges in her love of movies with fellow students in Bay High's Movie Club.

Katie has been a four-year member of the Bay High Marching Band drum line and the school band percussion section. She also enjoys singing, and in addition to being part of Bay High's A Cappella Choir, she is a member of the highly selective Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus.

Katie will attend the College of Wooster next year to major in comparative literature studies with a minor in physics. "I like science, too," she says. "And I would really like to write science fiction screenplays. With a foundation in science, I think it will help me write with more accuracy." ●

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Tips on shopping for a digital camera

by TAK SATO

If you own a smartphone you always have it with you; it is part of your wardrobe. The capability to take pictures with better image quality than the non-smartphones of yesteryear makes it the tool of choice for capturing your "Kodak Moments." My wife has told me this repeatedly and she loves sharing these pictures via email, making smartphones indispensable to her.

Yet depending on the situation I still carry our digital camera to events. I've noticed that my digital camera produces better quality pictures for printing, is less prone to missing the "Kodak Moment" (my smartphone has shutter lag, the time between pressing the button and actually capturing the image, missing the spontaneous shots), and for a photography hobbyist it affords me more manual control like I was used to in the old 35mm film camera days.

At the same time, digital cameras have taken a page or two from the smartphones' differentiating capabilities such as being always connected to the digital world – aka the internet. Many have built-in capabilities to wirelessly transfer pictures and post them directly to your Facebook Timeline. Samsung, for example, is on their second iteration of their "Galaxy" digital camera line that

uses the same operating system as their smartphones to accomplish this feat. It is a camera first so image qualities are on par with other digital cameras and requires less learning curve if you already own a Samsung phone or tablet.

When shopping for a digital camera consider these tips:

Kicking the tires: Whether consulting Consumer Reports or a photography review website like dpreview.com, try to visit a store to handle the camera you are thinking of buying. Make sure that it is not too small or too big in your hands and that the important operational buttons are not awkwardly positioned.

Video mode: Most digital cameras come with "movie" mode. Features such as autofocus and footage quality of at least HD (720P) or Full HD (1080P) is recommended.

Connectivity: If you want to want to wirelessly transfer the pictures to your smart TV, computer or Facebook Timeline, look to see if it has built-in "Wi-Fi" capability.

Megapixels (MP): Comparing similar vintage digital cameras, the physical size of the sensor inside the camera (sensors are responsible for capturing the image), not the number of megapixels, correlates with image quality. Without going into geeky details, you get better quality images if the camera

captures more light. A bigger sensor has more area that can capture light so, in theory, it can produce pictures with better image qualities.

Capture modes: This refers to how quickly each photograph can be captured in succession. When photographing a fast moving object, such as your grandchildren during a field day, burst mode should help because it takes several pictures in a fraction of a second with one click of the shutter.

One last tip: If you already own a capable digital camera and only lack the wireless transfer capability, there are memory cards from manufacturers like Eye-Fi and Transcend that can fill the void. To learn more ... Google them!

Next issue's topic: Summer vacation technology tips.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DIGITAL WORLD

Am I immune from the "nasties" by using Macs instead of Windows?

A long time ago that may have been the case. These days I consider it an urban legend if you believe that using a Mac makes you immune from the nasties of the digital world by default. Although more computer viruses for Windows are still prevalent, another classification of nasties referred to as "malware" is becoming device agnostic. Whether you use Windows or Macs, building good computer usage habits – aka Internet Street Smarts – can reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

Have a question for Tak about computers, software or other technology? Send it to editor@wbvobserver.com. ●

Bay Village Safety Fair



Bay Village Police Chief Mark Spaetzel talks with American Red Cross volunteer Ellen Braun at the first Bay Village Safety Fair at Dwyer Center on May 22. The chief spearheaded the Safety Fair as a community outreach program to provide free information on organizations that provide assistance and activities within the city.

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Bradley Bay residents benefit from Eagle Scout project

by DONNA D'AMICO

Stephen Riley, a Life Scout of Troop #338 in Avon Lake has made the residents of Bradley Bay Health Center very happy. Stephen decided that he would build two raised planting beds for Bradley Bay. This was Stephen's Eagle project, and along with the help of a few of his troupe members, these wonderful beds were built.

They are raised, so that the residents don't have to bend over to plant and they are on casters, so that they can be moved around the grounds at Bradley Bay for all of the residents to enjoy as the flowers grow throughout the summer. Stephen succeeded in completing his project, but more importantly he will bring smiles to the residents of Bradley Bay all summer long. ●



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Stephen Riley, Nick Masa and Stephen's dad, Tim Riley, with the raised planting beds built for Stephen's Eagle Scout project.

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Kiwanis grant provides seniors with CO and smoke detectors

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

Norm Resko, president of the Westlake Kiwanis, introduced Bob Williams, trustee from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, at the Westlake Kiwanis meeting on May 20. Bob spoke about the District Foundation and the grants that the Foundation has made to various Kiwanis Clubs around the state for projects within their communities.



Tim Cornelius, Rick Grane, Norm Resko and Bob Williams.

Bob in turn introduced Tim Cornelius, an ad hoc member of the grant-reading committee. Tim presented the Westlake Kiwanis with a \$500 check for the City of Westlake for a project with the Community Center and the Westlake Fire Department to provide carbon monoxide and smoke detectors in senior citizen homes. ●

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Memorial Day photo gallery



Veterans march along Lake Road bearing flags of the military branches, the United States, State of Ohio and POW-MIA.



Girl Scout Daisies place flowers on the graves at Lakeside Cemetery in Bay Village.



The Bay High marching band plays during the Memorial Day ceremony at Lakeside Cemetery.



Veterans bow their heads during the playing of taps at Lakeside Cemetery.

Village Foundation holds annual plaque dedication ceremony

by TARA WENDELL

The Village Foundation celebrated Memorial Day in their annual tradition, honoring Bay citizens with bronze plaques to be installed on the T. Richard Martin footbridge in Cahoon Park.

This year's honorees were John Matyas and the John Harknett family. John Matyas

moved to Bay Village with his wife, Pat, shortly after they married in 1970. The couple raised two daughters here and John was active in the community until his passing in April 2013. John's family and friends remember him as always full of life, love and laughter, words they had engraved on his memorial plaque.

John and Pat Harknett were born in New York and met in New Jersey, where they mar-

ried. They lived in several states until settling in Bay Village 40 years ago. Their four children attended St. Raphael's and played on many Bay Rec and St. Raphael's sports teams. The family purchased a plaque as a way of giving back to the community they love. "We are thanking Bay Village for being a great place to raise a family," John said at the ceremony.

The Foundation awarded three scholarships to graduating Bay High seniors Elizabeth Auckley, Colleen Kowalski and Baylee White and announced the recipients of six grants. The organizations receiving grants this year were: the Bay Village Police Department Bike Patrol, Village Project, Huntington Playhouse, Interfaith Housing/The Knickerbocker, Fashion Forward and Game On. ●



Colleen Kowalski, Elizabeth Auckley and Baylee White were awarded scholarships from the Village Foundation.



The Harknett family purchased a bronze plaque from the Village Foundation to celebrate their love for Bay Village. The plaque will be installed on the T. Richard Martin footbridge in Cahoon Park.



Village Foundation President Eileen Vernon displays a bronze plaque honoring John Matyas. Attending the dedication ceremony were John's wife, Pat, center, and a number of the couple's close friends.



Cub Scouts release doves during the Bay Village's Memorial Day ceremony.



Westlake's Demonettes march into Clague Park during the Memorial Day parade.



3-1/2-year-old Hadley Clark of Bay Village waves at a U.S. Marine during the Westlake Memorial Day parade.



Natalie Orlandi of Fairview Park and Meghan Drops of Lakewood carry a flag during the Roll of Honor ceremony at Clague Park.



Special guest speaker U.S. Air Force Lt. Col William Schlichtig addresses the crowd at Clague Park.



WWII Marine veteran Ed Sheehan places a flag to venerate a fallen comrade during the reading of the honor roll at Westlake's Memorial Day ceremonies.



Members of Bay Village American Legion Post 385 fire off the traditional 21-gun salute at Clague Park.

PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

Key Bank employees volunteer throughout community

Making a difference at Devon Oaks

by LINDA HART

The rain did not dampen the spirit of Key Bank volunteers who visited Eliza Jennings Assisted Living Community at Devon Oaks Wednesday, May 14, for KeyBank's 24th annual "Neighbors Make the Difference Day." The volunteers spruced up the outdoor patios, planted flowers and stained patio furniture. Devon Oaks hosted a family-style barbeque in appreciation of the volunteers' efforts.

More than 2,000 KeyBank volunteers participated in similar projects across

Northeast Ohio. Neighbors Day celebrates community support through project outreach in a fun, interactive atmosphere. KeyBank Volunteers have been making a difference at Eliza Jennings' Devon Oaks community on Neighbors Day for several years.

Eliza Jennings is grateful for the support of its valuable corps of volunteers, and is currently recruiting individuals or small groups. If interested, please contact Jen Farrell, director of development, at 216-325-1255 or jfarrell@elizajen.org.



KeyBank volunteers Julie Payton, Katie Strick, JoAnn Carabello and Joseph Marusa perk up the patio with some petunias.

Aiding the Bay Historical Society

by ERIC EAKIN

Employees of Key Bank recently took time out from their busy schedules to help clean up and tend to the flowerbeds and landscaping around Rose Hill Museum and the Reuben Osborn Learning Center in Bay Village.

The employees helped out as part of the bank's "Neighbors Make the Difference Day." This year more than 8,000 Key Bank employees partnered with local non-profits to sweep sidewalks,

plant gardens and generally lend a hand in the communities in which they work and live.

"Our two facilities now look great," said Cynthia Eakin, president of the Bay Village Historical Society. "These Key Bank employees worked really hard and now our two museums look wonderful. I can't thank them enough."

RIGHT: Bay Village Historical Society members pose with Key Bank volunteers in front of Rose Hill Museum.



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NEW BUSINESS

Westlake consignment shop gets fresh start

by ERIN CARLSON

Are you a thrifty shopper who goes against the grain, craving something different, a style all your own? Look no further than Articles Consignment, Etc. in Westlake. Our recently opened consignment boutique, formerly known as Classic Closet (and under new ownership), has been refreshed and revived.

Stemming from a decade-long love for nabbing can't-live-without-'em flea market treasures, this boutique blends our passion for design with the thriftiness of consignment shopping – all within a community we call home. After living in Pennsylvania for a short time, my husband, Nathaniel, and I eagerly returned to the Cleveland area to set out on this new journey, to share our love for funky finds with the trendy people of Westlake.

Upon entering our quaint shop, you'll quickly spot a unique collection of must-have women's fashion, accessories and home accents – items you can't get anywhere else. Whether you're looking for that one-of-a-kind formal gown, the perfect "little black dress" or a shabby chic



Some of the unique items at the new Articles Consignment shop in Westlake.

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Music and art merge at BAYarts' free summer events



Umojah Nation headlines BAYarts' Annual Art and Music Festival on June 14.

by PIXIE EMERSON

BAYarts has become a popular summer destination for free music and gallery events. The summer concert series, now in its seventh year, kicks off on June 6 with Colin Dussault (see ad below for complete schedule) and the Annual Art and Music Festival on June 14 highlights world music with reggae band Umojah Nation and the Passport Project drumming group, in which the participants "travel" the world via the arts – studying music, dance, visual art and drama. Passport project will offer drumming workshops during the event.

The Art and Music Festival was conceived as an affordable alternative for artists to sell their work in contrast to similar events with prohibitive entry fees. Through sponsors and membership, BAYarts has been able to keep the fee minimal and artists keep 100

percent of their sales. Food is provided by local venues including Vento Trattoria (located on BAYarts' campus). Besides featuring over 70 artists, Rustbelt Monster Collective will create an on-spot mural, galleries will be open and its all free, rain or shine!

The concert series is sponsored this year by Sears Home Appliance Showroom in Westlake who is giving away a picnic blanket to anyone who comes to their store and mentions the concerts. Concerts are on Friday and Sunday nights including an open mic night open to all (contact concerts@bayarts.net for information on how to participate).

BAYarts is a non-profit art center specializing in visual art education, exhibition and art enrichment programming located at 28795 Lake Road, Bay Village, 440-871-6543. Event details and festival application: bayarts.net/events/upcoming-events.aspx. ●

Students earn national recognition for Spanish exam scores

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Sixty-eight Westlake High School Spanish students earned national recognition for excellent performance on the 2014 National High School Spanish I-5 Examinations.

Spanish students earned a total of 13 gold, 10 silver and 21 bronze medals, along with 24 honorable mentions.

Gold medalists, who scored in the top 1 percent to 5 percent in the nation, include Rachel Cuellar, Catherine Frerman, Carter Hoon, Bradley Katcher, Maya Kilani, Justin Krantz, Alexander Lathem, Hong Liang, Sneha Ramachandran, Emily Schordock, Luci Del Rincon Martinez, Vishal Shah and Melissa Karpuszk.

Silver medalists, scoring in the top 6 percent to 14 percent in the nation are Jack Bogart, Farrah Kharche, Alexis Mance, Alan Garber, Maggie Burns, Riya Desai, Sean Dunphy, Ishaan Dutta, Maura Ryan

and Ryan Zubricky.

Bronze medalists, who scored in the top 16 percent to 23 percent, are Sydney Chatterton, Marlen Torres, Jeremy Schwochow, Diana Kalash, Mark Sargent, Bridgit McCaffrey, Elizabeth Massien, Nicole Korczak, Megan Fleming, David Eppel, Jotham Courtney, Leah Choban, Grace Busic, Elise Brizes, Elizabeth Raiff, Elise Kennedy, Jackson Routhier, Taeho Kim, Simran Khosla, Nicole Davies and Mingda Chen.

Honorable mentions went to Ethan Kosco, Rama Kilani, Adelaide Lipschutz, Rebecca Prexta, Jasmine Zogheib, Harleen Shergill, Rachel Pentz, Mara Lipschutz, Alyssa Silver, Madison Fleming, Sarah Greenberg, Christine Hughes, Molly Hundt, Hana Lodhi, Olivia Mantenieks, Maddie May, Isabel Palmer, Kendall Pattison, Chloe Pozderac, Jordan Serrat, Tori Tovanche, Shunjun Wang, Molly Hanson and Collin Hughes. ●

Village Foundation honors student trustees

by ELAINE KORTE

The Village Foundation honored its two high school student trustees, Jake Fowler and Emmy Korte, at its May meeting. The Bay High seniors dedicated two years of service to the Foundation, focusing primarily on the bi-annual Bay Village Waterways Cleanup held in the fall and spring of each year. This spring's cleanup event is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, at 11 a.m. at Bay Middle School followed by a Foundation sponsored luncheon. Jake and Emmy also supported the Foundation's Heritage Run – a 5K race in October of each year – and provided insight into the Foundation's website.

Jake Fowler was a captain on the Bay High Rockets football team and was recognized as a three-year varsity letter winner as well as first-team all West Shore Confer-



Jake Fowler and Emmy Korte, with Eileen Vernon, Village Foundation president.

ence. He was a member of PAL and YPF at the high school. Jake plans to attend Ohio University and major in business.

Emmy Korte was a lieutenant for two of her four years on the Bay High Rockettes. She was an active member of HUDDLE, Yearbook, YPF, PAL, and Thespians. She will be attending Indiana University in the fall and plans to major in media studies and communications. ●

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Trash Talkers deliver, delight & impress at Porter Library

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

The 13 young men who performed at Westlake Porter Public Library on May 20 proved beyond a doubt that banging on trash cans attracts people of all ages, male or female, and results in smiling faces, tapping feet and clapping hands.

Of course, the St. Edward High School students who are members of the school's Trash Talkers team have taken their banging skills to an entirely new level and their remarkable reputation drew the attention of the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council. In keeping with its commitment to present all facets of art to the community, the WWAC made arrangements for the Trash Talkers' Westlake performance.

Upon arrival, the team and its coordinators facilitated moving the program, planned for indoors, to the library's green area that borders Center Ridge Road. The Trash Talkers took no time in moving dozens of chairs to the lawn to accommodate their audience, which soon broadened to include cars driving by.

John Goers, St. Edward's facility director and the Trash Talkers coordinator, introduced the members and gave a brief history of the team before turning the emceeing over to Andy Schumann, a St. Ed's junior. Soon 11 large trash cans and 5 large plastic drums were attacked by heavy-duty drum sticks with authority and rhythmic beat. Tops, sides, handles, any possible surfaces, were systematically used to beat out the desired sounds by performers who left no doubt about the work they invest in preparation.

When Schumann extended an invitation for two volunteers to join them in one of their pieces, numerous responses came from very young to those with gray hair. Upon completing the daunting task of selection, Schumann announced anyone wishing to try their "instruments" would be welcome to do so after the performance.

After very brief instruction, the chosen two, Jake



The Trash Talkers performing; allowing Jake Boker, 6, and Ella Healey, 9, to sit in; and rewarding the children with official Trash Talkers' garb.

Boker, 6, and Ella Healey, 9, manned the drumsticks alongside the Trash Talkers. Jake and Ella were pronounced qualified by the team and to their delight, as well as to those watching, they were ceremoniously clothed in a Trash Talkers T-shirt and hat.

With seasoned showmanship, nothing was spared in the team's finale. Audience members lingered to try the "instruments" and speak with the outgoing performers, as well as Goers, and Dominic Tancredi, the team's percussion instructor. Both Goers and Tancredi, who are justifiably proud of the team, are St. Edward graduates.

In addition to Schumann, the students who performed were: seniors Connor Higgins and Brian Patton; juniors Will Beatrez, Jack Gaughan, Connor Gluck, Michael McLoughlin and Joe Unger; sophomores Nick Greenewalt, Connor Ling, Aidan McIntyre and Stephen Schimpf; and freshman Kevin Ng.

Goers said the Trash Talkers were founded in 2002 and gave their first performance in January 2003. The first group had 8 members. Presently, the average number of members is 25, who make up two teams. The Gold team does public performances and the Green team does in-school performances while in training.

Trash Talkers have made over 300 performances in front of more than 100,000 people. Their accolades include being voted Best Unit in the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day parade in 2011 and 2014.

The May 20 program is another reason for the WWAC to take a bow for its gift of art programing for the community. ●

WEST SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Westlake's Pierce Gleespen receives achievement award

by ELAINE WILLIS

Westlake High School junior Pierce Gleespen received a Student Achievement Award from the West Shore Chamber of Commerce at the organization's May 13 luncheon.

The Student Achievement Award recognizes a Westlake or Bay High School student employee or volunteer who has shown exemplary work performance. According to Gleespen's nomination letter, he has done just that.

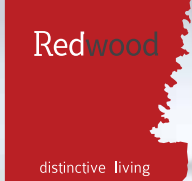
Gleespen was nominated by English teacher Laura Miller, the school's

student newspaper advisor. He is both a writer and staff editor of the paper, and spearheaded a new section on politics in which he has attempted to connect local and world politics to his fellow students. Miller called Gleespen "A remarkably mature, responsible and civically-engaged young person," and said that he "Conducts himself with the work ethic of a person with far more years of experience."

Recipients of the Student Achievement Award also receive a Certificate of Achievement and \$50 each. ●



Westlake High School junior Pierce Gleespen, center, was presented the West Shore Chamber of Commerce Student Achievement Award by Chamber President Susan Uranker and Westlake Porter Public Library Director Andrew Mangels at the May 13 luncheon.



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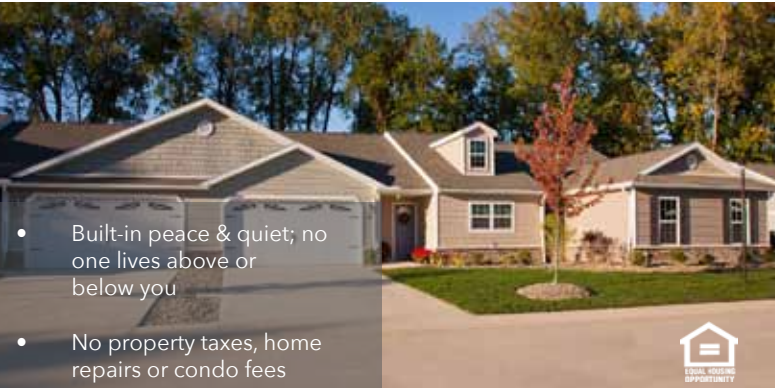
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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Saturday, May 31 (2-4 p.m.) CARRY-OUT CRAFTS – Stop by the Youth Services Department to see what each day’s featured craft is! Tables will be set up with all of the supplies needed.

Saturday, May 31 (2-4 p.m.) HISTORY OF LEAGUE PARK – Authors of a new book about the storied Cleveland ballpark will share some of that history. Please register starting April 30.

Saturday, May 31 (3-5 p.m.) MAD 4 MANGA – 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! Grades 7-12 only.

Monday, June 2 (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! Grades 7-12.

Tuesday, June 3 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: APPLICATIONS THAT GET NOTICED – Often, a computer scans the application, looking for keywords for the skills, education and experience that are important to the employer. Learn how to tackle questions on an employment application to be sure yours will be read.

Wednesday, June 4 (10:15 and 11 a.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE! – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket at the Pre-school Desk.

Wednesday, June 4 (1-2:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Please stop by for free genealogy help!

Wednesday, June 4 (4-5:30 p.m.) BOW WOW! READ TO UNCLE CHOW CHOW! – Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with Uncle Chow Chow, our reading dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4 (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.

Friday, June 6 (10-11 a.m. OR 1-2 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS “TEACH ME TO PLAY” (AGES 3-6) – Experts from the Cuyahoga Board of Developmental Disabilities will lead this playgroup focused on teaching parents how to help their children engage in play and interact with peers, and positively discipline through hands-on modeling techniques. Siblings welcome. Caregiver must stay in the room. You must RSVP for the playgroup by calling 440-250-5563. Space is limited.

Friday, June 6 (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS “TEACH ME TO PLAY” (SIX AND YOUNGER) – Experts from the Cuyahoga Board of Developmental Disabilities will lead this playgroup focused on teaching parents how to help their children engage in play and interact with peers, and positively discipline through hands-on modeling techniques. Siblings welcome. Caregiver must stay in the room. You must RSVP for the playgroup by calling 440-250-5563. Space is limited.

Saturday, June 7 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS CLUB – Bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-12.

Sunday, June 8 (10-11:30 a.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS! – Board games, crafts, puzzles and more! All ages welcome. In accordance with library policy, children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday, June 9 (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! Grades 7-12.

Monday, June 9 (7-8 p.m.) FROM VISION TO VALUES: THE ART OF STRATEGIC PLANNING – Learn the importance of Vision and Mission to a company’s strategic direction. Simon Ellett from Business Advisers of Cleveland will explain how these two key factors help determine everything from values and culture to objectives and priorities. Please register.

Tuesday, June 10 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – In June we’ll discuss “The Wives of Los Alamos” by Tara Shea Nesbit.

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

Learn how to tap into healing powers with Reiki master

Reiki Master Linda Street will lead “Rays of Light,” a program on the healing powers of Reiki, at Westlake Porter Public Library on Thursday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m.

A third degree Reiki Master, Street will teach attendees how to tune into psychologically and spiritually healing frequencies in order to bring calm, peace and happiness into their lives. Street will engage participants in experiential activities as well as a question and answer session. A book signing will follow her presentation.

Street is the owner/founder of

Healing from the Heart, a metaphysical healing practice. She received a BA in psychology from Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., and spent six years in the field of mental health. After completing her MA in public administration and working in human resources for almost 20 years, Street moved into energy work. She has achieved several certifications in that field, and is the author of “Rays of Light: Listen to the Dark.”

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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Report: Westshore Council of Governments (WCOG) meeting, May 14, 2014

by LWV observers CONDA BOYD and SUSAN MURNANE, Bay Village chapter

Highlights of this month's WCOG meeting are presented here. For the full League of Women Voters observer report, see the Observer's website at wbvobserver.com or the LWV website at lwcucuyahogaarea.org. Official minutes are prepared by Mayor Patton's office and are available on Fairview Park's website.

Bay Village, Fairview Park, Rocky River, and Westlake officials will meet with the Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System Manager about a possible Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) pilot at Westcom.

The five NOACA counties disagree about dividing infrastructure funding on a “fair share” versus “greatest need” (“fix it first”) basis. Due to a cohesive Cuyahoga County caucus, the “greatest need” approach prevailed in the latest round of funding.

In June, Cuyahoga County will hold the first hearing on a proposed \$50 million fund to demolish abandoned houses.

DOPWIC, the state public works program, wants to ensure that all road resurfacing projects include evaluation and possible repair of water and sewer infrastructure.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68 covers accounting for pensions. Liability

must be disclosed as part of the bond rating process, and pensions are more heavily weighted than in the past. Of the more than 200 Ohio municipalities involved in a recent test of the new standards, only Rocky River and Lakewood maintained their bond ratings.

Following up on the protest letter he distributed at the last meeting, Mayor Summers announced that the U.S. Corps of Engineers has decided not to dump Cuyahoga River dredgings into Lake Erie.

Cuyahoga County has a new free, automated, opt-in notification system, Ready Notify, which is similar to Nixle. Fairview Park will kick off their participation next month and will discontinue Nixle. Bay Village has signed up for Nixle for another year, paying \$5,200 for the service that dials residents’ home phones. They will run both platforms until they have evaluated the new system.

The May 12 tornado watch was discussed. The window for warning of an imminent tornado is seven minutes. Ready Notify did not send alerts. The FCC/National Weather Service alerts sounded during Bay Village’s City Council meeting. Lakewood sirens were not activated because there was no imminent threat. The mayors agreed on the importance of utilizing multiple means for alerts.

Westlake, Fairview Park, Rocky River, Lakewood and Bay Village jointly own a tub grinder to chip brush and wood, thereby diverting yard waste from the landfill. A handout showing expenses and utilization for the past 10 years was distributed. For 2013, the total cost was \$54,583, or \$10,917 per city. Usage ranged from 59 percent (Westlake) to 0.2 percent (Lakewood). [Bay Village’s usage was 29 percent.] After further research, the topic will be discussed at the next WCOG meeting.

For 2015, Cuyahoga County will provide materials-only, greatest-need funding to repair potholes and cracks and restripe county roads.

The Westshore Council of Governments was founded in 1971 “to foster cooperation between municipalities in all areas of municipal service.” All meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be June 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Fairview Park Gemini Center’s Birch Room. ●

Join in at www.wbvobserver.com

Researching Native American ancestry in Ohio

by JAYNE BROESTL

Have you ever wondered if you might be descended from a Native American, someone whose ancestors were indigenous to North America? Or, if you already know that you are, how can you learn more about that family line?

Native American research can be a challenging endeavor, as it entails some unique obstacles. The temptation is to partake of the newest technology of DNA hereditary studies, expecting to get a definitive answer. Certainly, DNA will identify markers for particular ethnic groups. But this will not yield the colorful stories of your ancestors, as does good

old-fashioned digging through documents at government repositories, or reading about the tribal histories and cultures at nearby libraries.

Thomas Stephen Neel, MLIS, BA, historian, genealogist and present director of the Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) Library in Bellville, Ohio, will share his acquired knowledge of “Native American Research in Ohio,” at the June 18 meeting of the Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS, at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. The public is invited, at no charge. Program is from 7-8:45 p.m. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7 p.m. For additional information, visit rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by JOYCE SANDY

We hope all of the students and teachers have a wonderful wrap up to a successful year! Everyone has worked hard and is looking forward to a restful, fun summer. The Bay Village Library has plenty of programs to keep everyone entertained and informed, so make sure to stop in regularly! We'll have changing displays full of interesting books and new materials and we're here to help you find just the book you need.

Students – don't take time off from reading this summer or you'll find yourself doing the Summer Slide, and that's NOT fun. Keep your reading skills sharp and be ready to re-enter school in the fall with those skills intact. The Summer Reading Game is a fun way to do just that. Sign up and play online this year – ask us and we'll show you how! We're planning a fun-filled summer – come and be a part of it!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, June 10 (10 a.m.) READING ON THE GO WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE – Learn how to download library books to your mobile device, phone or computer. The librarian will show you how to access the library's catalog so you can take books on the go on your device this summer to read at the beach or the park.

Monday, June 16 (7 p.m.) EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY – Kristina Austin from The Gathering Place will discuss how relaxation and guided imagery can enhance spiritual growth for anyone coping with cancer.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Wednesdays, June 18-July 9 (2 p.m.) BOOK BUDDIES – BIG BUDDIES – For grades 5-12. Volunteer to help a Little Buddy share the joy of books by reading together and playing fun reading games. Earn service hours along the way! You must attend training a half-hour before the first session. Please attend all four sessions.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Storytimes begin again the week of June 2 – please check the flyer or online for dates and times. The start time has been moved

up to 9:30 a.m. except for the Thursday Preschool group which meets at 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. Please join us!

Saturday, June 14 (10:30 a.m.) SEN-SORY STORYTIME – These storytimes, designed specifically for children with special needs and their families, incorporate a schedule board, double visuals and sensory opportunities as well as a half-hour of socialization time following the program.

Wednesdays, June 18-July 9 (2 p.m.) BOOK BUDDIES – LITTLE BUDDIES – For grades 1-3. Share the joy of books with Big Buddies by reading aloud to each other and playing fun reading games. Please plan to attend all four sessions.

Thursday, June 19 (2 p.m.) COOKIES AND BOOKS – For grades 3 and 4. Enjoy cookies as we discuss a good book. Copies of the book will be available one month before the program. A parent or guardian must sign a release form before the first meeting.

MIXED AGES

Tuesday, June 3 (3:30 p.m.) SKUNK HAVEN – For teens and families. Come and meet some of the "little stinkers" from Skunk Haven as expert Renee Pearlstein talks about domestic and wild skunks. Parents must sign a permission form before the program.

Saturday, June 7 (11 a.m.-3 p.m.) SUMMER READING KICKOFF – For all ages. Join us to kick off summer reading with crafts at 11:00, celebrity readers at noon, pizza at 1:00, and the Bubble Lady showing off her amazing bubbles at 2:00. Be sure to sign up for the Summer Reading Program while you're here!

Monday, June 16 (11 a.m.) DARING TO BE DUMBO – Dancing Wheels presents a re-imagining of the original story that is set in a contemporary junior high school, where Dumbo is now a 13-year-old girl who is bullied. The original theme of triumph over adversity still rings through at the core of this new production.

Please join us for the programs by going online to cuyahogalibrary.org, by calling 871-6392, or when you stop into see us at 502 Cahoon Road. We're looking forward to FUN! ●

BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

'Cherished Victorian Objects' on display at Rose Hill Museum

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

The Bay Village Historical Society presents its spring exhibit at Rose Hill Museum, entitled "Cherished Victorian Objects."

Treasures from the Victorian Era, 1837 to 1887, are still very much in demand and loved by those fortunate enough to own them. The question is often how to display them and make them work with modern day furnishings. Visit Rose Hill Museum and see for your-

self the best ways to display and enjoy Victorian items. Queen Victoria will be there in spirit.

Rose Hill Museum, the original Cahoon family home, also features costumes, lace and feathers, and all styles of brickabrack from the 19th century, along with colonial furnishings, antique dolls and model boats. Admission to the museum, 27715 Lake Road in Bay Village, is free every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Special guided group tours are available. Call 440-871-7338. ●

BayComm to conduct emergency communications drill

by JIM KETTREN

Saturday, May 31, will hopefully be a day like any other day for most. But for a couple dozen residents of the Westshore suburbs who make up BayComm, they will be simulating an event when normal phone communications have been compromised, in order to get the feel of what it would be like to get ahold of their families utilizing 2-way radios.

BayComm began in 2012, and its membership has been slowly growing. Made up of resident volunteers from Bay Village and surrounding suburbs, they maintain connections with police, fire, CERT, and other first-responder organizations. Utilizing one particular frequency on the CB band, their capabilities range from long-range handhelds, to mobile, to base radios. Their range is roughly 10 miles. Each member practices communications on a weekly basis, during their "radio net," and participate in monthly meetings to advance their network of communications.

Envision this scenario: Some event has triggered a power outage and caused all phone (cell and land-line) and internet to become disabled. It could be a storm (like Sandy), a large solar flare (Coronal Mass Ejection), an EMP (Electro Magnetic Pulse), or a cyber-attack. The possibilities are endless, and that is why preparedness is so important. Neighbors begin to congregate outdoors, and ask each other, "What's going on?" No one can use their phones to call police or fire. Perhaps they wouldn't need to do so right away, but if the situation exists for days or weeks, this will become a

major issue. How will families be able to reach their loved ones who are away from home, when the highways have become snarled with panicked drivers, trying to get somewhere?

Now imagine being able to get on the radio (inside of your house or car) and get ahold of other residents, who are in a similar circumstance, across a widespread area. Being able to disseminate information is of utmost importance. What are the circumstances of the event? Who needs assistance? Where are shelters being set up for those who need food or other provisions? How are people, within neighborhoods, learning to cope? How are neighbors sharing the basic necessities with one another? What is the plan of action?

So, on May 31, BayComm members will test out some of the skills they have learned, and use their 2-way radios to put themselves in contact with their families and other BayComm members, throughout the day. Some members, who are also Ham radio operators, will be operating multiple frequencies, to ensure redundancy.

BayComm is looking to grow its membership, so if the idea of being a part of this "safety net" appeals to you, please email jim.kettren@hyland.com. I will send you an application for membership, and talk with you and your family further, to ensure that you have the radio equipment necessary to stay connected during an emergency. I will also offer information as to how and where to purchase, and assist with set-up.

Anyone within a 10-mile radius of Bay Village is welcome to apply. ●

Huntington Playhouse to celebrate Shakespeare

by TOM MEYROSE

The 450th anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth will be celebrated when Huntington Playhouse opens their 2014 season with a production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged-Revised" on June 5.

The comedy is directed by Mark Moritz and features three young men attempting to perform all of the works of William Shakespeare. It is a fast-paced "Tour de Farce." The comedy will run through June 29.

The theatre is also happy to announce that Apollo's Fire will be returning to perform on Sunday, June 15, at 2 p.m. The program, called "Glory on the Mountain," will feature Appalachian music and stories. Tickets for the concert are on sale and those interested should contact Apollo's Fire directly at 1-800-314-2535.

Flex Passes for the 2014 season are currently on sale at a cost of \$102 per pass which gives a patron six admissions to use at any of the the-

atre's Friday or Saturday night performances as well as the final Sunday matinee performance. These admissions can be used in any combinations at any of the performances.

Updated information about the theatre, including reservations for upcoming shows, information on classes, and audition information can be obtained by calling the box office at 440-871-8333, checking the theatre's web site at www.huntingtonplayhouse.com, or by viewing our Facebook page.

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

Do *you* have a "good news" story? Become an Observer and share it with the Westlake/Bay community at: wbvobserver.com/members



A bloomin' good time

by KATHY LUENGO

Come late September, the last hardy summer blooms will deliver a resplendent season's finale, outperforming fragile floral specimens and making way for the rich tapestry of autumn's asters and mums. So why contemplate September now?

Let's face it. Summer is fleeting. Although it officially arrives on June 21, by the time the July Fourth fireworks fizzle and their sulfuric haze fades into the humid night sky, it's practically Labor Day. Savor summer while you may. Slow down. Take time to "stop and smell the roses," figuratively or literally.

There will be a profusion of color overflowing in garden pots, planters, window boxes, hanging baskets and flower beds adorning the neighboring communities

of Westlake and Bay Village. Each floral expression celebrates the season!

For those wanting to literally smell roses, Bay Village's Memorial Rose Garden in Cahoon Park is your spot. Just take care not to share your space with a busy bee while leaning closer to catch a whiff of roses' sweet perfume! After all, you'll lose sight of bees' benefits when sporting a sting!

Continuing your floral tour, head south and cross Bay's border where "Westlake in Bloom" is underway. Those who travel Hilliard Boulevard from the high school to the Rocky River line pass approximately 220 city-provided flower boxes caringly filled by local residents, businesses and clubs. Their collective contributions comprise one facet of



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Other than Westshore winters, the remaining seasons seem to transition quickly. The key to making the most of them is to slow down and take time to enjoy the beauty and the bounty of each!

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Westlake's citywide summer beautification program.

Some Westshore residents create and maintain impressive landscapes, large, medium and small on their own properties.

Others who establish vegetable gardens are rewarded with fresh seasonal produce. Gardeners know there is nothing that compares with the taste and the texture of a sun-warmed tomato just picked from the vine. In addition to enjoying fresh summer salads, come September, home gardeners may relish the aromas

of homemade vegetable soup or spaghetti sauce simmering on the stovetop, zucchini bread in the oven, and more. How delectable!

Whether planting flowers or crops, landscaping a yard, decorative containers or patio tomato pots, the experience of working the soil with one's hands can be regarded as both grounding and gratifying.

No matter what the initiative, it helps to heed plant tags that describe light, watering, growth habit and fertilizing needs. However, how do you fend off critters including our locally abundant deer, rabbits, chipmunks and groundhogs? Look out the window: it's a "wild kingdom" out there!

What about harmful insects and the possibility of plant disease, especially when growing conditions are unfavorable? Westshore denizens are all too aware that Mother Nature is a significant variable in any given season. The good news is that there are solutions to most every gardening challenge which is why those claiming not to have a green thumb should try, try again!

Remember, the best way to enjoy summer splendor is to slow down and make the most of what the season has to offer and reap its benefits as you go. In so doing, you may just have a bloomin' good time! ●

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Busing Options from Westlake and Strongsville

GREEN SCENE

Spring Green Garden Show promotes sustainable, healthy lifestyle choices

by BRENDA O'REILLY

On Saturday, May 24, the Bay Village Green Team hosted the second annual Spring Green Garden Show. The show was held outside at the Bay Village Community Garden which is at the corner of Forestview and Wolf roads. The family-friendly event was designed to promote a sense of community and sustainable, healthy lifestyle alternatives.

This Garden Show featured casual, hands-on workshops to learn about sustainable topics including gardening, composting and beekeeping. Local vendors and nonprofit groups promoted

sustainable lifestyle options including organic lawn care and cleaning products, vegetable and herb gardening, recycling and composting, and bicycling as a clean mode of transportation and exercise. Young children were kept busy at the crafts table where they had fun making useful household items out of recycled materials.

For the past seven years, the Bay Village Green Team (an active group of volunteers) has promoted sustainable, healthy practices in the city of Bay Village. The Green Team has been involved in bike advocacy and education programs for residents on topics such as organic lawn care, backyard composting and rain bar-



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David LaSalvia holds a frame from the inside of a bee hive as he explains the benefits of backyard beekeeping.

rels. The Green Team has also provided free consulting services to community nonprofit organizations to make their fundraising events zero waste.

In 2010, the Green Team established and now manages the Bay Village Community Garden. The community garden is a great example of community collaboration – the school board allows the use of the land for gardening and the city provides support by collecting the rent payments and providing free humus and wood chips to the gardeners.

The garden is open to Bay residents and nonprofit groups. It is filled each year – there are 130 garden plots rented and in use. The garden is 100 percent organic. The sunny location is perfect for growing herbs and vegetables including tomatoes, basil, peas, radishes and parsley. Nonprofit groups like the Village Project are involved. The Village Project

has several garden plots which are used to grow fresh, organic produce to include in the nourishing meals that they prepare for local families experiencing cancer.

To learn more about the Bay Village Green Team, visit www.bayvillagegreenteam.org or join us at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 10, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Road. ●



Malachi Coursen pedals a bike to generate electricity as Lori Sprosty describes the energy usage needed to power light bulbs and other electrical devices.



Kids construct wind ornaments at the Bay Village community garden during the Spring Green Garden Show.

West Shore Family YMCA offers open house, free fitness classes

by MICHAEL MCCLAIN

The West Shore Family YMCA is experiencing some great times at the moment! We are now fully recovered from the devastating flood this past January. We would like to invite everyone in the community to an open house on Saturday, June

7, to see all the exciting happenings at the West Shore Family YMCA. This is also a great opportunity to save up to \$100 when joining as a member that day.

Come join the West Shore Family YMCA each Saturday in June, July and August at Crocker Park at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Cheesecake Factory. We will be running a

FREE hourlong fitness class focusing on boot camp, yoga and kickboxing!

These classes are a part of our "Fitness in the Park" initiative in conjunction with Crocker Park. These classes are open to anyone interested in taking part of a great outdoor workout; bring the kids with you if you think they are ready for it. ●



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Kemper wins Bay Days fireworks fundraising raffle

Bay Village resident Joan Kemper is the winner of the yearlong membership in the Freedom Boat Club, offered by the Bay Days fireworks fundraising committee. Her winning entry was drawn Memorial Day on the steps of Bay Village city hall. Her ticket was selected from more than 90 entries.

The prize, which includes the use of boats in the Rocky River and elsewhere, was donated by Rob Massey, the local franchise owner of Freedom Boat Club. The prize has an \$8,000 value.

The prize was offered by the Bay Days fireworks fundraising committee

as one way to raise money for the fireworks show at Bay Days, which are now privately funded.

"I was screaming for joy when they called me," Kemper said. She said she will give the prize to her daughter and son-in-law for his birthday, which was in May.

"We congratulate Joan and thank all who purchased raffle tickets for this prize," committee chair Eric Eakin said. "Tickets are still on sale for a suite for 16 persons at an Indians game. They will be sold through the Fourth of July."

Enter with form below or visit www.bayfireworks.org for details. ●



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA EAKIN

Bay Days Fireworks fundraising chair Eric Eakin holds the winning ticket for the group's first raffle prize, won by Joan Kemper. Pictured, left to right, are Nicole Chakirelis with Louie, Jacquie Chakirelis, Kemper, Mike Chakirelis, Eakin and John Bundy. Holding the sign are Tom Henderson, left, and Dave Tadych.

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

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
First Time Home Buyer Seminar
Bass Ohio Real Estate Bay Village will present a free seminar with a focus on “First Time Home Buyers.” Attendees to the seminar will be provided free loan pre-qualification services to help them get started with the home buying process. Refreshments will be provided. Seating for the event is limited; reservations can be made by email at info@bassohiorealty.com or via the Contact Us page at www.bassohiorealty.com.
Arrabiata’s Restaurant, 600 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Volunteer Night at Village Bicycle Cooperative
Most Wednesdays are dedicated to helping volunteers get comfortable with our protocols as well as improve their all around knowledge of bicycles. It is a relaxed atmosphere and all level of mechanical knowledge is appreciated. Volunteers interested in helping with events or sales, contact jennifer@villagebicycle.org.
Bay Community House, ground floor, 303 Cahoon Rd.

Wednesday, May 28, 7-9 p.m.
Girls Empowerment Workshop: Creativity Boot Camp
Your brain is like a muscle and requires exercise in order to boost creative thinking skills. This free, 2-hour creative oasis is filled with activities that unleash your imagination and spark creative confidence. You will leave with a personal guide of 40 creativity boosters to keep your brain in shape.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

Saturday, May 31, 9-10 a.m.
Walk to Wellness: Pharmacological Prevention and Treatment of Stroke
Join St. John Medical Center physicians and health experts as they “walk and talk” about different healthy living topics. Walkers will meet at 9 a.m. on the patio and we will walk the hospital’s beautiful campus track. In the event of inclement weather, we will meet in the cafeteria and walk inside the hospital. Please RSVP, 877-597-6348.
St. John Medical Center, 29000 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Saturday, May 31, 10-11:15 a.m.
Restorative Yoga for Those Touched by Cancer

Healing yoga classes that focus on relaxing the body in restful postures using bolsters and blankets. Helpful for those undergoing cancer treatments or experiencing side effects. Priority is given to those who have not attended restorative yoga at The Gathering Place before. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Saturday, May 31, 2 p.m.-Sunday, June 1, 8 a.m.
Westshore Relay for Life
Help raise money for the American Cancer Society while having fun! Featuring games, food, music, dunk tank, bounce house and prizes. Walk a lap around the track or light a luminaria for a loved one with cancer.
Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

Saturday, May 31, 4:30-6 p.m.
Free Community Meal
Free to all! The church is accessible to the physically challenged. No carry outs.
Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted

Sunday, June 1, noon-4 p.m.
Lake Erie Family Fest
Join us for an afternoon of activities for the whole family! Live animal encounters, Lake Erie inspired activities and crafts, snacks, refreshments and the Great Duck Race. Tickets are \$5/person and include all activities (with the exception of duck sales, snacks and refreshments). Sponsor a rubber duck in the Great Duck Race and watch them race down Porter Creek! 20 lucky winners will receive prize packages from the Center.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Tuesday, June 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Chronic Pain Forum
If chronic pain is keeping you or a loved one from enjoying life, plan to attend this free forum to learn about the newest treatment options, technologies and advancements to help manage pain. Visit pain management vendors and hear from others who have lived with chronic pain. The event includes a light dinner. RSVP to 877-597-6348.
St. John Medical Center, Building 2, 1st floor, Auditorium B, 29000 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, June 4, 1-2:30 p.m.
Free Family History Research Help Session
If you need help getting started or have come to a “road block” in your path to finding your ancestors, members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will volunteer their time and talent to assist you, at the computer terminals. Please bring a copy of your pedigree chart and/or relevant family records.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, June 4, 6:30-8 p.m.
KidShop for those Touched by Cancer
A workshop for children and teens who have an adult family member with cancer. Utilizing art, play and discussion, children and their parents interact with families in similar situations. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Thursday, June 5, and Friday, June 6, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Youth Challenge Rummage Sale
Great deals for a great cause! A treasure trove of bargains, including furniture, clothes, books, sporting goods, toys, household items and much more. Do all of your shopping under one roof! All proceeds will support the programs and transportation Youth Challenge offers to children with physical disabilities.
Youth Challenge, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Saturday, June 7, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
The West Shore Family YMCA Open House
Come celebrate with The West Shore Family YMCA! We have new equipment and we are going to save you money when you sign up for a new membership. This is an all day event.
West Shore Family YMCA, 1575 Columbia Rd., Westlake

Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-noon
Tri-C Westshore Campus Open House
Learn about degrees and certificates at Tri-C; meet with academic counselors; learn about financial aid and scholarships; take a campus tour; apply to Tri-C. For more information or to register for the Open House, go to: www.tri-c.edu/campusvisitation.
Tri-C Westshore Campus, 31001 Clemens Rd., Westlake

Sunday, June 8, 7 p.m.
Bay Village Community Band Concert
Treat yourself to an evening of Broadway classics! Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy FREE live music in a family- and pet-friendly atmosphere.
Cahoon Park Gazebo, 303 Cahoon Rd., Bay Village

Monday, June 9, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Meditation for those Touched by Cancer
Relax, learn new coping skills and practice mindfulness meditation techniques. Call 216-595-9546 or visit www.touchedbycancer.org to learn more.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Tuesday, June 10, 6:30-8 p.m.
Survivorship Support Group
A monthly support group for those who have completed cancer treatment. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546. Visit www.touchedbycancer.org to learn more.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Wednesday, June 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Handheld Technologies
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