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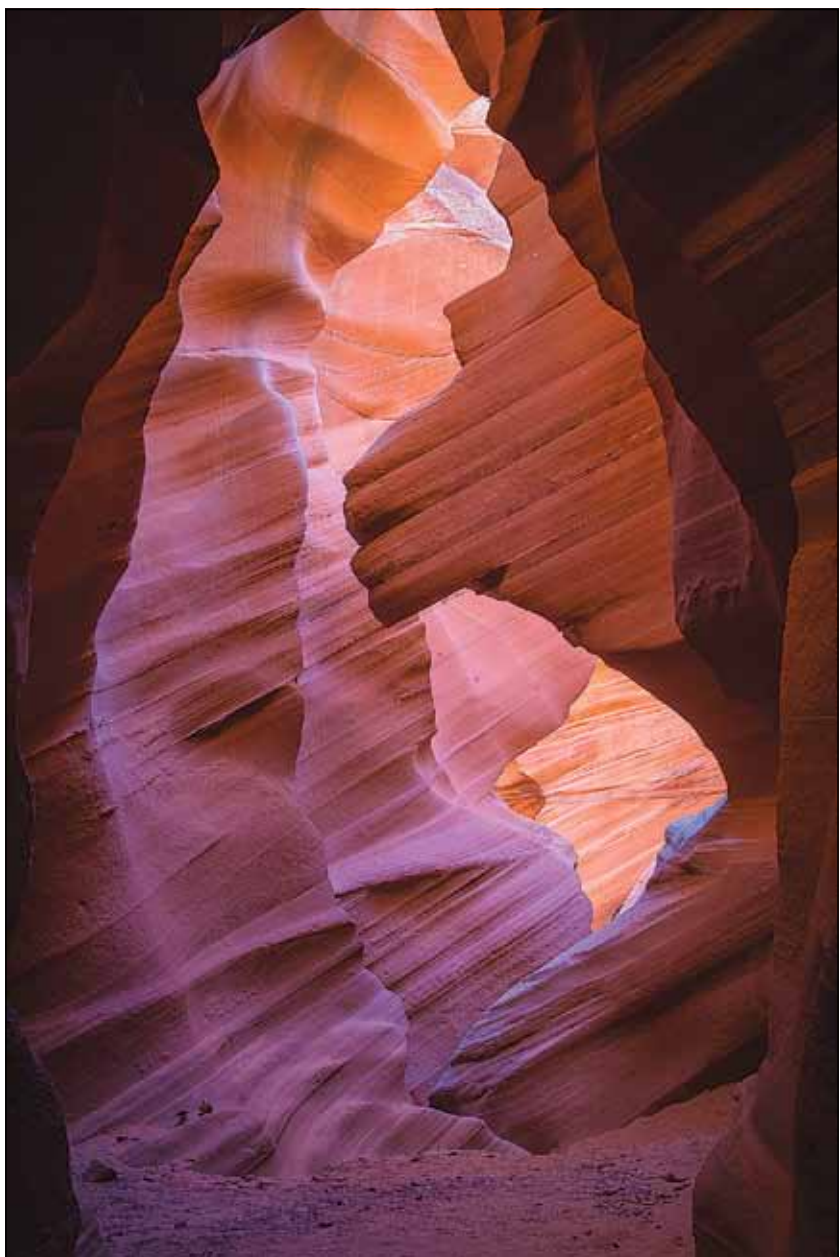
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## Porter Library program focuses on taking better photos



This photo of Antelope Slot Canyon was taken by Bob Parry of the Lakewood Photographic Society.



“Defending the Food” by Michele Schneider is one of the photos on display at Westlake Porter Public Library through January.

by ROBERT PARRY

**D**o you want to take better pictures? Do you have questions about cameras, lenses and software processing?

Then you should attend a program open to the public on photography presented by members of the Lakewood Photographic Society. The meeting is open to anyone interested in photography and will be held on Sunday, Jan. 11, 1 to 3 p.m., in Porter Room of Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road.

The program will present information on how to take better pictures with your digital camera, how to best use the functions of your camera and how to process digital pictures using various software programs.

In addition to the Jan. 11 program, there will be a monthlong display of winning photographs of members of the Lakewood Photographic Society. The photographic show will be on display in the Porter Library art gallery throughout the month of January. Exhibiting photographers include: Donna Seemuth, Jack Seemuth, Tom Keyes, Tom Litzler, Dave Streater, Kevin Arnold, Lloyd Keller, Annabelle Keller, Bob Parry and Michele Schneider.

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## SPORTING VIEWS

### Cleveland sports: The year in preview

by JEFF BING

**Y**ep, it's that time of year again. As in, time for yours truly to let you know what will happen with our Cleveland sports teams in 2015. Normally, I charge big bucks for this service, so consider it my little New Year's gift to you, my loyal reader(s). (Hey, it's what I do). Alrighty then, buckle up, and let's do this...

**February: All you need is Love (not).** In an unprecedented turn of events, LeBron James opts out of his Cavaliers contract in the middle of a game with the Miami Heat. Curiously enough, he was out with a supposed injury while on the Cavs' roster, but, as the “jumping of ship” was announced, he tore off his street clothes, revealing a Heat uniform, and scored 38 points as the Heat routed Cleveland. LeBron later claimed he didn't know “how the uniform got there.”

**April: Tribe in “kneed” of players.** Nick Swisher, who underwent surgery on both knees in 2014, got off to a mediocre start in 2015. However, when compared to the previous year, his stats looked worthy of Cooperstown. As a result, Chris Antonetti – in one of perhaps the most classic over-reactions of all time – orders everyone in the organization to have surgery on not one, but *both* knees.

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## Need help with energy bills?

Dwyer Center is offering Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) counseling to residents on Jan. 26

by LESLIE SELIG

**A**ttention seniors and adults with disabilities: You may qualify for assistance with paying your gas and electric bills. Make an appointment to meet with a member of the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services on Monday, Jan. 26, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village.

You must pre-schedule to attend by calling 440-835-6565.

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- Supplemental insurance payment receipt
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## THE DIGITAL WORLD

### Adopting new technology in 2015

by TAK SATO

**A**s we enjoyed the 2014 holiday season with family and friends, there was yet another end-of-year media frenzy when a major Hollywood movie studio's operations were brought to its knees due to a security breach; updates to our popular topic of staying safer in the digital world will be forthcoming in the future!

This time of the year is also when traditional media (in the real world) and, increasingly, social media (in the digital world) are ablaze with New

Year's resolution do's and don'ts. I, too, picked up motivational tips from experts on fitness, weight loss and nutrition to maximize the success in converting my New Year's resolution into a sustainable lifestyle to control my diabetes.

As the digital world continues to affect the ways we do things in the real world, this confluence of technology-based tools and services with everyday life is reflected in different areas of our cultural fabric. Lets take gift-giving for instance. Were you a recipient of a new computer, tablet, smartphone or some other “gadget” on top of the traditional sweaters and chocolates this past year?

For the past several years I've been hearing this story repeated often: “A well-meaning [emphasis on well-meaning] family member gave me a brand new computer but I'm afraid I will break it because I don't know the first thing about technology. It is too complicated!”

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# SPORTING VIEWS

from front page

Team President Mark Shapiro was keeping mum on Antonetti's edict, but did mention that he hoped the strategy worked, because if it didn't, the organization "wouldn't have a leg to stand on."

**July: Just one big fire hydrant.** The sports world is stunned to learn the Browns have constructed an invisible fence – similar to those which keep in dogs, or Dawgs, as the case may be – so players such as Johnny Manziel, Josh Gordon, and Justin Gilbert are forced to remain in training camp and not inclined to, in Browns owner Jimmy Haslam's words, "Party the night away."

Manziel, in particular, takes issue with Haslam's tactics, calling them "childish, immature and self-centered." Haslam threatens to sue Manziel for breaking into the Browns' personnel files, as Haslam explains that those are the very *same* words used on Johnny in Manziel's scouting report.

**August: Hard to stomach.** The Indians, hopelessly mired in the basement since their entire roster is on the disabled list as a result of all the knee surgeries, have hired a local softball team, the Beer Belly Brawlers, to stand in for the regular Tribe players until some of them can stand upright again. As it turns out, most of the Brawlers have difficulty standing upright as well, since they apparently take their nickname very seriously, and the entire roster is tipsy by the third inning of every game. After watching horrible baseball for most of the season, most Tribe fans agree with the strategy, and although ticket sales plummet, local beer sales skyrocket.

Sort of like what Observer readership would do if they got a talented writer for this column. ●

# DIGITAL WORLD

from front page

One person, after having a staring match with the gift until the snow thawed in spring, finally did something – the person sold it without even opening the box!

This anxiety about technology, or the intimidation factor, that some of us feel may partly be due to misguided perception. This is understandable because even as recent as a decade ago technology was not as consumer friendly – neither in intuitiveness nor affordability. For many of us, including yours truly, we "learned" technology as it became available. Today it is more accessible, affordable and an intrinsic part of the generation born after the turn of the new millennium.

For the uninitiated, the current and near-future outlook of the benefits of using technology cannot be ignored. Computers may do "everything but the kitchen sink" but there is no rule stating that you need to use all their features. In fact many people may be happy to use only the browser to do email, online banking, and online shopping from an internet-connected computer.

And it gets more intuitive and user-friendly if you received a tablet or smartphone this past holiday season. You can benefit from what I call the "Power of One" where you use only a finger to tap the touchscreen to make it do things for which traditional computers require a keyboard and a mouse (computers with touchscreens are becoming affordable too).

Adopting technology in 2015? That is a great New Year's resolution and something that you should be able to reap benefits from as the digital world and the real world continue to collide! Happy New Year!

Have a question for Tak about computers, software or other technology? Send it to [editor@wbvobserver.com](mailto:editor@wbvobserver.com). ●

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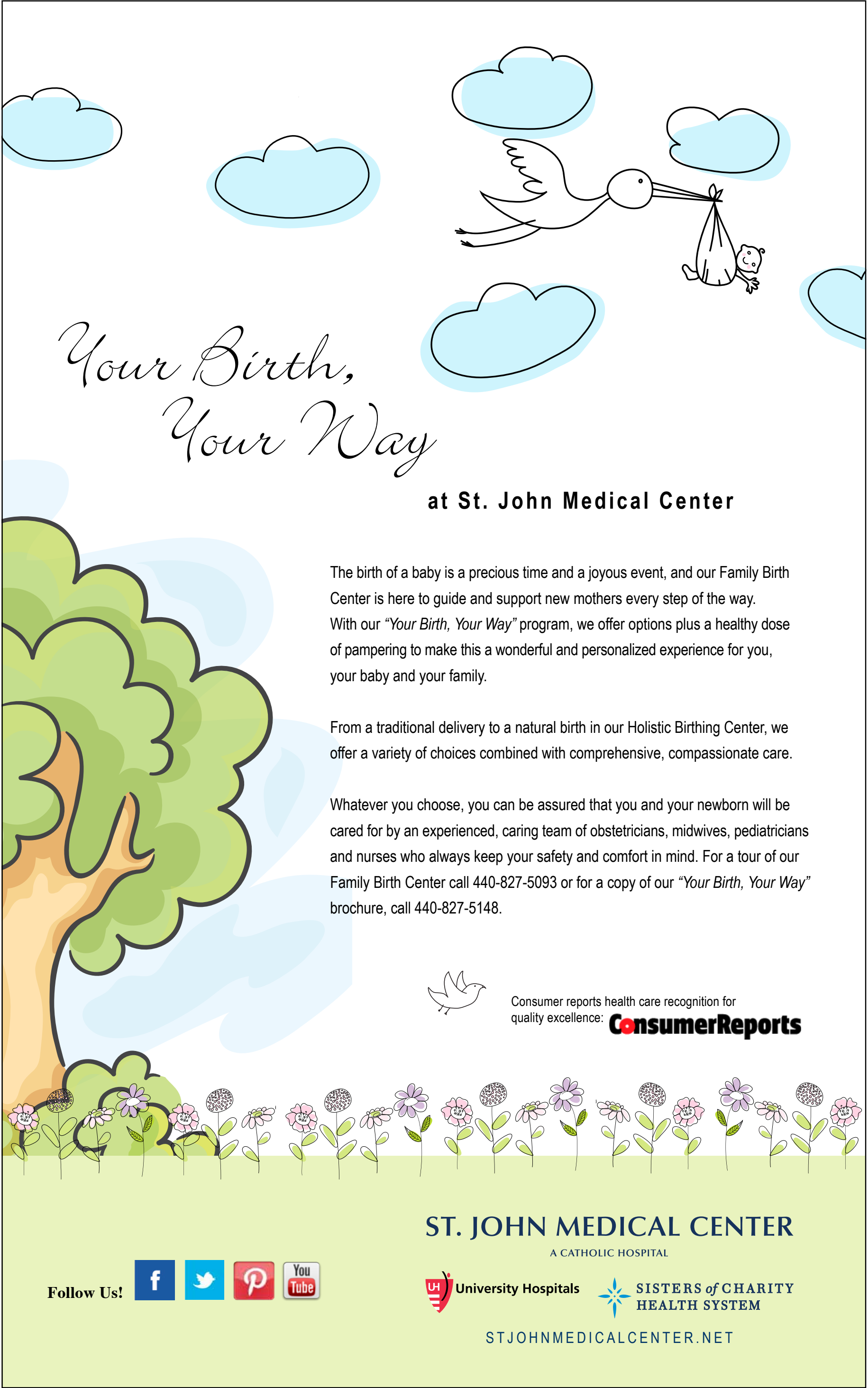
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## PHOTOGRAPHY *from front page*

The Lakewood Photographic Society is the oldest camera club serving the Westshore communities of Lakewood, Rocky River, Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview

Park, neighborhoods of Cleveland and surrounding areas. The club meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., September through May, at the Lakewood Senior Center West at 16024 Madison Avenue.

Our meetings provide opportunities to show off your photos and get positive feedback in monthly

digital and print competitions as well as educational programs on all facets of photography. Visitors to club meetings are welcome at any time and the annual membership is only \$25 a year. For more information, visit [lakewoodphotographicsociety.org](http://lakewoodphotographicsociety.org) or email [lakewoodps@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodps@gmail.com). ●



"Look Ma I'm Flying" and "Le Jazz Hot" by Lloyd Keller show software processing techniques, a topic of discussion at the Jan. 11 program.

## Legionnaires hear of all-volunteer Army

At their December meeting, the members of Bay Village American Legion Post #385 heard an address by Lieutenant Colonel Scott Bartley, Battalion Commander of the US Army Recruiting in Cleveland. LTC Bartley, pictured at right with Bay Village Legion Commander Stan Zeager, spoke of the new limits for volunteers wishing to join the all-volunteer Army. These limits include weight limits, past legal problems, tattoos, and an ability to pass a minimum intelligence test. All branches of the military are imposing standards for new recruits. Quotas for entry level service personnel are being met in spite of the new requirements.



PHOTO BY JIM POTTER

## Last chance to nominate Bay Village citizen, project of the year

Nominations for the Bay Village Community Council's 2015 Bay Village Citizen of the Year and Project of the Year are due by Friday, Jan. 9.

Nomination forms are available at City Hall, the Bay Village Branch Library, and from members of the Bay Village Community Council. Electronic forms for nomination by email are available by accessing this story on the Observer website, [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com). A reception in honor of the Citizen and Project of the Year will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.

For more information about the Citizen of the Year / Project of the Year awards, please call Melissa Henderson at 440-385-7268 or email [melissa.b.henderson@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.b.henderson@gmail.com). ●

## FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

### Learn how to live abundantly

by SHARON FEDOR

If 2014 was rough, do you cringe and wonder if 2015 will be better or worse? Perhaps wishing the prosperity fairy would fly overhead, see that you have been really nice, and sprinkle you with lots of prosperity dust? Or, just hoping to see higher numbers in your bank account, or setting your sights on winning the lottery?

How is it that some people have so much, and others so little? If thoughts are things, does abundance have anything to do with your thinking? Is it true that you can think and grow rich, as Napoleon Hill wrote in 1937? Can you change your thinking to have more in your life?

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The required book for this course is "Spiritual Economics" by Master Teacher Eric Butterworth, available at Unity Spiritual Center Westlake's bookstore by calling 440-360-7650, or stop by on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Suggested love offering per each two-hour class is \$20, but no one will be turned away.

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# New Year's comes early for Westshore Young Leaders

by NOREEN KYLE

The Lakewood High School Westshore Young Leaders planned an early New Year's themed ice skating party on Sunday, Dec. 28. This is the third year for the ice skating party that was held at Serpentine Arena @ Winterhurst Ice Skating Rink in Lakewood. More than 40 middle and high school students from the Westshore school districts (Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Rocky River and Westlake) enjoyed an afternoon of music, skating and excitement. The students celebrated the upcoming year with party

favours and delicious cupcakes. The Westshore Young Leaders group has been serving its communities since 2010. The Young Leaders are dedicated to implementing strategies aimed at preventing and reducing youth substance use while encouraging healthy life choices. The next Young Leaders meeting is Thursday, Jan. 15, 6-8 p.m., at the Bay Village Police Department, 28000 Wolf Road. The meeting is open to all middle and high school students. Plans will be made for the annual high school lock-in and the NCAA March Madness bowling party. For more information: westshoreyoungleaders.org. ●

## BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICE

# Cleveland Eye Center providing adaptive training

by LESLIE SELIG

The Cleveland Sight Center will be holding a five-week training course at the Dwyer Senior Center for those who are age 55 or over, and have a documented eye impairment. An informational meeting on this program will be held Monday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m., at the Dwyer Center. The training covers all aspects of

activities of daily living, with an emphasis on remaining independent in your home, and group counseling to help in the adjustment of vision loss and feeling safe in your environment. The program has no cost to the participant and provides free equipment valued at \$150. Please register by Jan. 8 at 440-835-6565 if you are interested in attending. ●



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LOCAL HISTORY

# Westlake house has a Chinese connection

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

In the Dec. 9 issue of the Observer we discussed that the stone building at 30419 Center Ridge Road, just west of the old Green's Garage, was probably built for Jonathon S. Lilly around 1846. Jonathon was the youngest brother of Austin Lilly who had the original stone portion of the Lilly/Weston house at 27946 Center Ridge (next to the Westlake Recreation center) built in about 1844.

So there appears to be a strong connection between the two surviving stone houses on Center Ridge Road in Westlake, if in fact it was constructed in the 1840s as we believe.

Cuyahoga County auditor records, however, give a construction date of 1890 for the curious little building. An 1870 tax map shows a home in its location with a barn on the north side of Center Ridge Road. The Hanks family owned the property in 1870.

By 1880 the property was owned by Ann Bement, the wife of Lorenzo Bement. Lorenzo Bement was a postmaster with a grocery store on the southwest corner of what is now Bradley and Center Ridge roads.

At that time Bradley Road stopped at Center Ridge and Lorenzo Bement owned quite a bit of the land on all sides of the intersection. The area was known as "Bement" due to the presence of the Bement post office and grocery store.

Tax records indicate that the 15-acre parcel that the stone building



The Bement home on Center Ridge Road.

was located on actually went down in value in 1891 which is further indication that the 1890 construction date is bogus.

By 1905 Ann Bement had died and probate records indicate that her property was distributed to her husband and their four daughters: Nellie Green of Folger, Lorain County; Winnifred Fligle/Fliegle of Cleveland; and Lucy P. Bement and Frances K. Bement of Foochow, China! By 1920, plat books show Lucy and Frances as the sole owners of the building and land that is the subject of this article.

Who would have guessed that this stone house has a Chinese connection? As it turns out the two unmarried sisters who owned the property were missionaries in China. According to a relative, they were strong women who carried a chrome-plated pistol in the backwoods of China for protection.

If the structure was actually built in 1890 as the county auditor indicates, then an explanation for the two front doors, according to the relative, is that each sister had their own front door for their half of the building.

It could be purely my imagination but knowing the owners had lived in China, if indeed the house was built for them, I can possibly see an Asian influence in the massing of the building, austere but decorated exterior, and the way the roofing material is handled on the "hips" of the roof.

However, that is pure conjectural fantasy, and very unlikely because in 1890 Frances was just a 19-year-old entering Oberlin College and it was around this time that Lucy was working "back East" in the United States as a nurse. ●



Ann Willis Bement, and her husband, Lorenzo C. Bement, owned property at Bradley and Center Ridge roads in the 1800s.



In the early 1900s, Nellie, Winnie, Frances and Lucy Bement inherited from their parents a large swath of property and a home that is now one of the oldest in Westlake.

FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

# Christmas Plague of 2014

by RJ JOHNSON, pastor of Advent Westlake

The sound of coughing began to fill our house on the Saturday before Christmas. My son had caught one of plethora of viruses that was passed from child to child at school the week before. When I returned from church Sunday afternoon, he was sitting at the kitchen counter in his bathrobe, hunched over a glass of fruit juice.

"How are you feeling, little guy?" I asked.

"I'm sick," he replied, stating the obvious.

There was no question about it. He truly was sick. If it had been a Sunday night before a school day, I might have examined him more closely. Those who have school-aged children are no doubt familiar with the end-of-the-weekend virus that strikes Sunday evening, and is miraculously healed by noon on Monday. It is a virus that is almost never accompanied by a fever, so the rule is, only when a fever is present is it cause for sleeping in Monday morning.

"At least you have good timing," I said. "You will not miss any school."

"Be quiet," he responded, still staring into his juice.

Normally I would say something about speaking to me more respectfully, but I deserved that one. Then, another concern hit me. The plague has come to my house right before Christmas. Christmas is the second busiest week of the year for clergy. Clergy cannot afford to get sick at Christmas. People fill the church waiting to hear "glad tidings of great joy," not a three-minute sermon croaked into a microphone.

There might be some people who would appreciate the three-minute sermon. Many of them are under the age of 12. In any case, no one really wants to receive communion from the priest who just delivered that barely audible three-minute sermon. I briefly considered moving to the garage until after the Christmas Eve services.

By Christmas morning, the boy was feeling much better. One of the blessings of youth that I miss most is the way they bounce back. A virus that would confuse my immune system for two weeks is decoded in a few days by a younger, more agile system. I have often wondered if this is related to their ability to figure out any electronic device without the aid of a manual.

Unfortunately, my daughter had started coughing.

"Are you sick?" my wife asked.

"Yeah, this stinks. It's Christmas break," she said, then added, "I probably should not have been stealing sips of juice out of his glass."

I showed remarkable restraint, and avoided the obvious comments. It is only slightly more dangerous to mess with a mother bear than to make a snarky comment to a teenage girl who is not feeling well.

In spite of this plague, we enjoyed our celebration of Christmas. When we celebrate something as miraculous and enormous as Christmas, it is a good reminder that viruses and plagues are temporary. We are celebrating those glad tidings of great joy that are eternal. ●

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

# Reconnect with your faith at St. Raphael

by CARLA RENICK

Do you have family members or friends who have drifted away from the Catholic Church? Why not invite them to attend Catholics Coming Home at St. Raphael in Bay Village?

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

# A gift of peace

by JOYCE S.

We decorated, we baked, we shopped, we wrapped, we sung carols, we hosted our family parties, and we may have attended church services. We celebrated this wonderful season, both spiritually and secularly. But, sometimes everything was not quite as sparkly, festive or serene as it appeared. Why? Because someone we love is not healthy because of drug, alcohol and/or behavioral problems.

As we are all well aware, the problems do not magically disappear because it is holiday time. Many times, in fact, usage is intensified at this time of year. Often, a hole in our hearts is created because of our loved ones absence or perhaps from our worry of how they will act if and when we did spend time with them.

The gift of peace that is offered at Christmas can become a wonderful resolution for us in the New Year. A free 12-step program called Families Anonymous strengthens us so that we can attain that peace. FA is a wonderful support group that encourages and sustains those who have family members who suffer from drug, alcohol and/or behavioral problems. This incredible program teaches us that we are powerless over anyone else's life except for our own.

We learn to change our nega-

tives to positives, act not react, realize that it is ok to say no and set limitations of what we will and will not accept. Being on guard, obsessing about other's choices or being broken-hearted and losing sleep because of the emptiness and heartache we feel inside does nothing to make us feel better. Realizing that each of us is responsible for our own happiness is a wide-eyed discovery.

We encourage you to attend a few meetings of Families Anonymous so that you can really understand and accept that peace can actually be attained on a daily basis, no matter how difficult the situation with your loved one may be. We can live, we can love, and we can have freedom from continuous, unproductive fear and worry in spite of unresolved problems. We learn that we didn't cause someone else's destructive behavior, we sure can't control another's actions, nor can we cure their abuse, addiction or behavior. However, we can learn to cope. With coping comes peace. Peace is a gift we can give to ourselves everyday if we choose & not just at holiday time!

Families Anonymous meets Sundays at 5:30 p.m. at CrossPointe Community Church, 1800 Columbia Road in Westlake.

Our website is familiesanonymous.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call our Cleveland Helpline at 440-779-HELP (4357). ●

HUMOR

# The New Year in briefs

by KATHY LUENGO

Hello, January! Remember "Old Man 2014," long beard, flowing robe, and all? Well, Father Time is *yesterday's news*! Cherubic "Baby New Year" with his Jan. 1 debut sporting a diaper, top hat and sash is "in!"

A reliable Westshore resident recently revealed that Baby New Year has since donned a snowsuit and is bracing for the balance of the Northeast Ohio winter that December forgot.

With wonders of technology, some local folk opting to spend a cozy New Year's Eve at home may have taken the opportunity to welcome Baby New Year multiple times by using their remote controls to switch from celebration to celebration across multiple channels and perhaps even time zones!

Anyone watching New Year's Eve event coverage couldn't help but notice that some entertainers were anything but (covered), including those not sporting much more than Baby New Year, himself!

While cabarets are no longer the sole domain of undergarment-like styles and haven't been for years, remember reading here first that the display of underwear trend may be on the verge of changing.

Women are already accustomed to designer prices for lacy lingerie intentionally exposed, but it's plausible that young men, especially, who've dared to "show a little" (underwear above their beltlines) may soon start concealing their unmentionables. Why? Stylish skivvies are becoming cost prohibitive!

The affordability of flashing elastic bands bearing (baring) designer names may soon take a backward slide. Forget darning socks, with undie prices what they are, area residents may find it necessary to start patching holes in their Jockeys! ("What is meant by darning socks?" younger readers may query. "Is that like cursing?")

Ask this, instead: why is it that area TV news outlets ballyhoo low gasoline prices ad nauseam but "hit the mute button" when it comes to the escalating costs of men's furnishings (especially) and ladies' lingerie?

To illustrate this point, check with anyone who ventured to buy a practical Christmas gift last month. Take thermal underwear, for example.

Who among these unsuspecting souls suffered sticker shock when strolling into a department store and finding a pair of non-couture long johns (actually not a "pair," just the bottom piece) for a jaw-dropping \$39.50! Consider that the cost of both a top and a bottom could be approaching the price range of a party dress!

If pressed with a choice, is it to keep area dads warm while blowing snow during sub-zero wind-chills, or send high school daughters to Bay's SnoBall dance or Westlake's Winter Formal?

At least when it comes to socks, a pair means two, giving you more for your money! Consider "one piece" of advice that isn't speculative at all: if coming across discounted drawers for bottom dollar, buy low!

Good luck, Baby 2015! Current events tell us that your agenda is already full, but maybe, just maybe, if you could uncover a massive underwear price-fixing scheme, lobby for subsidies for those who can no longer afford boxers, and explain how such a scant amount of material can cost so much, please do! ●



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Elks deliver Christmas baskets  
to those in need

by ROBERT F. GEIGER

The Lakewood Elks Club #1350 has been located in Westlake for more than 12 years. Elks lodges invest in their communities through programs including drug awareness, scholarships, charity, and honoring our veterans. We have a long tradition of delivering Christmas baskets to families in our surrounding communities.

Through fundraisers we hold at our Lodge, we use the proceeds to buy a full Christmas meal, presents, hats and gloves for families in the surrounding communities that have fallen on hard times. The volunteers of our Lodge purchased and wrapped a present for each child in the family and spent the weekend before Christmas packing these baskets. During Christmas week, they organized at our Lodge to deliver the baskets to the families' homes. Through the hard work of all of our volunteers, this year we were able to deliver baskets to almost 100 families. ●



PHOTO BY PAUL HOWARD

Rich Sinatra, left, and Jim Moore, center, are among the Elks Lodge volunteers who delivered Christmas baskets to community members in need this year.


Pulleys Cafe at Porter Library closes

Pulleys Cafe, which operated in Westlake Porter Public Library this past year, closed on Dec. 30. The cafe was operated by Solutions at Work (SAW) Inc. and served as a community-based employment training site for individuals with developmental disabilities interested in careers in the food service industry.

In announcing this closure, SAW Executive Director Richard Hoban said, "We have appreciated the opportunity to operate Pulleys Cafe at the Westlake Porter Public Library over the past year or more, and we applaud the library's support and commitment to providing employment training opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities."

According to Hoban, the level of cafe patronage and sales was much lower than anticipated, resulting in limited opportunities for those working there to develop employment skills. While many efforts were utilized to increase customers and sales, the cafe's continued operating loss was not sustainable. Individuals employed at the cafe were relocated to similar employment training opportunities.

Andrew Mangels, director of Porter Library, championed this unique partnership from the onset and appreciated the role the library played in supporting employment training for individuals with developmental disabilities. "We are very sad to see them go," said Mangels. "However, we look forward to looking at new ways to continue our partnership." ●



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BAY VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by BARBARA ISAACS

Another new year has begun! Have you made the usual resolutions to lose weight, exercise, eat better or spend more time with family? Well, the library has a resolution that may actually help you with these resolutions!

Cuyahoga County Public Library wants everyone's New Year's resolution to be: Make reading a part of daily life in 2015. Finish the books your holiday hustle kept you away from, spend more time reading with your family or read a book to learn how to eat better and exercise.

Kick off this resolution while the year is young and enter our Resolve to Read contest for a chance to win a brand new iPad Air. From Jan. 5 through Feb. 6, you will earn one automatic contest entry EACH DAY you use your library card. The more you use your library card, the better your chances of winning!

Here are the basics to get started with Resolve to Read: 1. Come visit us at the Bay Village Branch, check out any item and you earn your daily contest entry. 2. Did you get a new e-reader, tablet or smartphone as a present? Use it to download an eBook or streaming video from our digital collection and you earn your daily contest entry that way. 3. Try one of our online databases and earn your daily contest entry.

These three ways to enter will get you well on your way to meeting your New Year's resolutions, reading all year

and increasing your chances to win! For full contest rules, please visit [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org).

When you come to the library to enter the contest, you may want to stay for one of our many programs listed below.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

**STORYTIMES:** Caregivers and their children are invited to enjoy rhymes, songs, fingerplays, books and stories together. No registration is required.

• **Mondays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, and Tuesday, Jan. 13 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages 19-35 months.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 13 (1:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, Jan. 8 and Jan. 15 (11 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages 3-5 not yet in kindergarten.

• **Wednesdays, Jan. 7 and Jan. 14 (9:30 a.m.) BABY AND ME STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages birth-18 months.

• **Thursdays, Jan. 8 and Jan. 15 (7 p.m.) and Fridays, Jan. 9 and Jan. 16 (9:30 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children of all ages.

• **Saturday, Jan. 10 (10:30 a.m.) SEN-SORY STORYTIME** – This storytime is designed specifically for children with special needs at a developmental age of 3 to 6 and their families. This program incorporates a schedule board, double visuals, and sensory opportunities for participants as well as 1/2-hour social-

ization time following the program.

**Wednesday, Jan. 7 (3:30 p.m.) BRAIN BUILDER: SCIENCE** – For grades K-3. Love experimenting and making a mess in the name of science? Join us for hands-on fun and learn a thing or two about science. Registration required.

**Tuesday, Jan. 13 (7 p.m.) TOTS DANCE AND MUSIC** – Families with children ages 2-1/2 to 6 years will have a great time dancing and moving to music with bean bags, scarves and more! Get your boogie shoes on and feel the beat! Registration required. Please register each child's name individually.

**Wednesday, Jan. 14 (4 p.m.) FROM THE PAGE TO STAGE: LITERATURE, LANGUAGE, STORY AND SONG** – For grades K-3. Children's literature is brought to life in song. Through gesture, movement, song and call-and-response, children will learn how music, words, pictures and movement can work together to tell a story. This residency will use classical folksongs, storytelling, movement and music to deepen students' understanding of literature and literary concepts. Students will actively engage with the narrative, from the words on the page to the page on the stage! Registration required.

**Friday, Jan. 16 (11 a.m.) ALL ABOUT OWLS** – Families meet different types of owls along with a naturalist from the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Find out what owls eat and all about their cool digestion process along with "Who" the Friends of the Bay Village Branch adopted this year. Registration required.

**Monday, Jan. 19 (2 p.m.) FAMILY BUILD IT!** – For families with children ages 3-8 years. Bring your ideas and imagination! Parents and children can have fun together creating all kinds of structures using plastic interlocking building bricks. Registration required.

**Tuesday, Jan. 20 (1:30 p.m.) WHOOO'S READY FOR SCHOOL? KINDERGARTEN READINESS: MAKING CHOICES** – Ages 4-5 with a caregiver. Help your preschooler make the transition into their first year of school. Explore hands-on activity stations together. Build decision-making skills. Registration required.

**Thursday, Jan. 22 (4 p.m.) COOKIES AND BOOKS** – Children in grades 3-4 are invited to enjoy cookies as we discuss a good book. Copies of the book will be available one month before the discussion. A parent/guardian must sign a release form before the program. Refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

**Tuesday, Jan. 6 to Thursday, Jan. 22 (3:15 p.m.) WINTER TEEN ZONE** – For grades 5 to 12. Video games, experiments, challenges, art and more – chill with something fun to do after school! Parents need to sign one permission form, good for all of the winter programs. Sponsored by the

Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library.

**Monday, Jan. 12 (7 p.m.) COLLEGE TEST PREP** – For grades 6 to 12 and adults. Knowledge is power! Find out the differences in the ACT and the SAT and which test is better for you. Learn tips and strategies for success for each subject section, as you maximize your scoring potential. Presented by Bryan Fasig, Director of Sylvan Learning Center. Registration required.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

**Wednesdays, (6:30-8 p.m.) DOWN-LOADABLES HELP** – Drop in for assistance with downloading books, magazines and audiobooks on your portable device. Familiarity with your device, and account access information is recommended. Every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. No registration is required.

**Tuesday, Jan. 13 (10 a.m.) PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA** – Come celebrate the presidents as Gerry Nemeth hosts a fun, interactive game that will test your knowledge of the U.S. presidents. Jeopardy-style game includes buzzers, lights, videos and prizes! This program is presented in collaboration with Dwyer Memorial Senior Center. Registration is requested.

**Thursday, Jan. 15 (7 p.m.) THE 50 STAR FLAG AND HOW WE GOT THERE** – Local historian Tom Gorgas shares his collection of historical flags. We, the citizens of the United States of America, have been pledging allegiance to a flag of 50 stars and 13 stripes since 1959. But obviously there have been many preceding flags. This presentation will start with a flag that flew over the first permanent English colony on this land in 1607 and proceed to the present flag. At least 30 flags will be on display. This event is presented in collaboration with the Bay Village Historical Society. Registration is requested.

**Monday, Jan. 19 (7 p.m.) TEN STEPS TO DIGGING OUT OF DEBT** – People are carrying more debt now than ever before and signs of that burden are showing up in the form of debt fatigue. If you're being buried under payments, the only real solution is to change your debt habits and start digging your way out, one step at a time. Charter One Financial experts will share steps to get you started. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library.

**Mark Your Calendars:** The Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library book sale is Saturday, Jan. 24, through Tuesday, Jan. 27, during library hours.


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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

**Tuesday, Jan. 6 (7 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS: COFFEE & CHAT** – We will enjoy coffee and desserts as we laugh and discuss this month's topic, "New Year's Resolution: Making Time for You!" This program is a combination book/article club and support group, facilitated by a professional. Registration is required for free child care at [connectingforkids.org](http://connectingforkids.org) or 440-250-5563.

**Wednesday, Jan. 7 (10:15 & 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 Preschool Desk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 7 (4-5:30 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS** – Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 7 (7-8 p.m.) HEALTHY EATING FOR THE NEW YEAR** – Heinen's Supermarkets will teach us about a variety of healthy food options to help reach and maintain our balanced eating goals. Please register.

**Thursday, Jan. 8 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION** – The January selection is "The World's Strongest Librarian:

A Book Lover's Adventures" by Josh Hanagarne.

**Friday, Jan. 9, and Saturday, Jan. 10** (see times below) **MUSIC THERAPY & MORE** – Join us as we play instruments, sing, move to music and discuss how to carry over the music therapy experiences into the home. This program is geared toward children struggling in an area of development. RSVP required; call 440-250-5563 or visit [connectingforkids.org](http://connectingforkids.org). Sessions: Jan. 9: Family Session: 9:30 a.m.; Toddler Session: 10:30 a.m.; Preschool Session: 11:30 a.m.; Jan. 10: Family Session: 9:30 a.m.; Preschool Session: 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, Jan. 9 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) IPAD USERS GROUP** – Listen to a brief iPad topic then share talk and share tips and techniques with other iPad users. Must bring your iPad with you. Registration required.

**Saturday, Jan. 10 (9:30-11 a.m.) SIGN UP FOR KINDLEGARTEN!** – Must bring your registered Kindle with you. Learn how to download eBooks to your Kindle and other basic techniques. Call the Popular Materials desk to sign up for this eLab. Space is limited for each session.

**Saturday, Jan. 10 (10 a.m.-1 p.m.) SAT PRACTICE EXAM & RESULTS** – Get ready for the SAT with a practice exam. Study skills will be discussed and detailed results will be returned to students the following week. Signing up for this automatically gets

you signed up for the results session on Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. Grades 9-12. Please register.

**Saturday, Jan. 10 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) POKEMON LEAGUE** – Bring your cards and accessories for a fun morning of play! For kids ages 6-12 only. Please, no younger siblings. No registration required.

**Saturday, Jan. 10 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS CLUB** – Bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-12. No registration required.

**Sunday, Jan. 11 (1-3 p.m.) DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE** – Join the Lake-wood Photographic Society in learning all about your digital camera and taking better pictures. Experienced photographers will be available to answer your questions.

**Sunday, Jan. 11 (2-3:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS!** – Games, crafts, puzzles and more! All ages; children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Sunday, Jan. 11 (2-4 p.m.) CHESS CLUB** – Hone your chess skills (or learn how to play the game) through WPPL's Chess Club. The club is recommended for kids ages 6+, but all ages are welcome to attend. If you have a chess set, please bring it.

**Sunday, Jan. 11 (3-4:30 p.m.) MAGIC AND OTHER TCGS** – If you are a TCG fanatic, come and play Magic: The Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon and other TCGs. Bring your own deck and be ready to battle. Players must furnish their own cards. Grades 7-12.

**Monday, Jan. 12 (3:45-5:30 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, Jan. 13 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: USING TWITTER FOR JOB SEARCH** – With job boards, job seekers often have no way of directly connecting with the recruiter or the hiring manager. Twitter can help with this challenge. Take this quick introduction and learn how to use it in your job search. Learn how to set up an account – bring your mobile phone or tablet with you if you want.

**January 13, 14 and 15 (1-9 p.m.) STUDY BREAK CAFÉ** – Need some refreshment during those long hours studying at the library? Students in grades 9-12 that are using the library to study for finals can stop by the Youth Services desk for a goody bag with snacks and a drink. Limit one per student, while supplies last!

**Tuesday, Jan. 13 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** – In January we'll discuss "The Giver" by Lois Lowry.

**Wednesday, Jan. 14 (10:15 & 11 a.m.) LET'S SING AND DANCE!** – See Jan. 7 listing.

**Wednesday, Jan. 14 (4-5:30 p.m.) Bow Wow Books** – See Jan. 7 listing.

**Wednesday, Jan. 14 (7-7:45 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME: BARNYARD FUN** – Down on the farm, that's where we'll be – to celebrate with friends and family! Activities will be geared for 3- to 6-year-olds, but the entire family is welcome to come! No registration required.

**Friday, Jan. 16 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME** – For children with

special needs and their parents/caregivers. The program includes interactive stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities, followed by 30 minutes of play. Content is geared to ages 3-7. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Saturday, Jan. 17 (10-11 a.m.) ANDROID TABLET GROUP: TOUCH SCREEN SKILLS** – Must bring your Android-based tablet with you. Practice with touch screen motions and basic button functions. Please register.

**Saturday, Jan. 17 (10:30-11 a.m.) MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!** – An interactive storytime featuring simple books, rhymes, songs and movement. For ages birth-3 with an adult caregiver.

**Saturday, Jan. 17 (2 p.m.) PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP** – Meet other parents as we discuss childhood development topics with a local expert. Free child care available, register at [connectingforkids.org](http://connectingforkids.org) or call 440-250-5563. Today's topic: "Fighting with your Elementary-Aged Child over Screen Time? Strategies and Resources."

**Saturday, Jan. 17 (2-3 p.m.) DIY SNOWMAN KIT** – Build a great snowman with your homemade snowman kit. Ages 9-12. Registration begins Jan. 10.

**Sunday, Jan. 18 (2-4 p.m.) CHESS CLUB** – See Jan. 11 listing.

**Sunday, Jan. 18 (3-3:45 p.m.) MAGIC FOAMING SNOWMEN** – Come make your own magic foaming snowman then use a little chemical reaction magic to watch him melt! Grades 2-4. Registration begins Jan. 11.

**Monday, Jan. 19 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY!** – Join us for a movie matinee in which a group of sympathetic humans help a dolphin with a damaged tail in a heartwarming sequel. (Rated PG). Based on availability; movie title may change without notice. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Monday, Jan. 19 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTORS' INTEREST GROUP:** Impact of Events Upon the Markets and a Look Ahead – We take a look at how significant recent national and international events have impacted the various markets. Learn how the market responses to these events may affect certain asset classes and how to incorporate those changes into your investment strategies. Please register.

**Tuesday, Jan. 20 (10-11 a.m.) ANDROID TABLET GROUP: TOUCH SCREEN SKILLS** – See Jan. 17 listing.

**Tuesday, Jan. 20 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: APPLICATIONS THAT GET NOTICED** – Often, a computer scans applications looking for keywords for the skills, education, experience, or whatever else is important to the employer. Learn how to tackle questions on an employment application to be sure yours will be read.

**Tuesday, Jan. 20 (7-8 p.m.) COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID** – Whether you're a high school student or parent, let us help you navigate the world of FAFSA, grants, loans, scholarships and work study with the help of Patty Saddle from the College Planning Center. Open to all future college students and parents! Registration begins Jan. 13.

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

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# Bay Village Education Foundation to hold annual ‘Creating Opportunities’ event

by MEREDITH PREWITT

The BVEF is ready to set the stage for the finest fundraising event of the year for the Bay schools. Each year, the foundation hosts their “Creating Opportunities” event at Arrabiata’s Italian Restaurant in Bay Village to assist in the funding of annual grant awards. The grants are awarded to teachers in the district that are searching for the means to give wings to their various meaningful, innovative or creative classroom ideas.

Funds raised at this event also are often dedicated to helping to fund other separate special grants, such as those that inspire leadership, studying abroad, and special education support. Therefore, this tremendous night encompasses the idea of “Creating Opportunities” on several different levels for all students of the district as a whole or individually.

This year’s event promises nothing less. The 2015 fundraiser is set for Sunday, Jan. 25,

from 5-8 p.m. With a delectable Italian buffet filled with several options and a delicious dessert assortment, philanthropists are assured to be satisfied. Many door prizes, along with several spectacular one-of-a-kind silent auction items, create a special excitement for the cause that is infectious throughout the night and does not disappoint.

These prize offerings can be accredited to generous sponsorships, of which will be in attendance, and donations from local community businesses and other corporations that wish to lend a hand in this exceptional cause for learning. Also, attendees can enjoy casual or business conversation with friends and many different members of the community while being entertained by the night’s agenda.

Tickets are \$60 per person (\$30 tax deductible). To purchase, contact the Bay Village Education Foundation by email at [bayedfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:bayedfoundation@gmail.com) or Jacquie Mayer at 216-392-4415 or [jacmayer@gmail.com](mailto:jacmayer@gmail.com). ●

# ‘Middlemarch’ discussion group starting in Westlake

by JOAN GRACE

Case Western Reserve University’s Off-Campus Studies program will offer a group discussion of the novel “Middlemarch” on Thursdays, Jan. 15 to March 5, 10-11:30 a.m., at Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Road, Westlake 44145.

Nine characters in George Eliot’s masterpiece traverse from being single to being married – one does it twice – and a tenth begins the journey but never completes it. In exquisite detail, the author paints a canvas showing how each character seeks answers to major intellectual and emotional questions.

However, as we will see, many times the questions are asked in the wrong way. Marriage sometimes creates more questions than it answers. Many feel that “Middlemarch” is the greatest of all English novels; we will have the opportunity to judge for ourselves.

These book-discussion courses meet in locations throughout greater Cleveland. They provide an open environment for lively discussion based on meaningful examination of shared texts. Leader-Teachers facilitate discussion and provide academic background and context. The fee for each course is \$75.

The group will be facilitated by Bruce Ackerman, who received his B.A. from Kent State University and his M.B.A. from Baldwin Wallace College. He has master’s credits in literature at Cleveland State University.

For questions, call Sandra Berendt, 440-892-4931, or Joan Grace, 440-777-9381. Register online at [SiegalLifelongLearning.org/winter-offerings.html](http://SiegalLifelongLearning.org/winter-offerings.html), or by phone at 216-368-2090. ●

# Clague Playhouse presents ‘Trying’

by KATHERINE HARPER

Clague Playhouse will present Joanna McClelland Glass’s drama “Trying” as the third production of its 87th season. This highly acclaimed play follows the attempts of a young Canadian woman and an aging Philadelphia aristocrat to understand each other in what the old man knows will be the last year of his life. The work is based on its author’s real-life experience working for former U.S. Attorney General and Nuremberg Trials chief judge Francis Biddle in the late 1960s.

The production runs from Jan. 9 through Feb. 1 on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors (60+), and \$10 for students with valid ID, and may be purchased by calling the box office at 440-331-0403 Wednesday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m. Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Clague Road, Westlake. ●

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Sponsored by the Community West Foundation, the raffle to select the 40 prize winners takes place on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Straight from the Heart red-tie gala at LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility in Westlake. In addition, early raffle ticket purchasers are entered into an early bird drawing on Jan. 16. Winner receives a \$1,000 cash prize.

With such a great cause and so many incredible prizes, why not purchase a Straight from the Heart raffle ticket for your chance to win the \$100,000 grand prize and 39 other amazing prizes? Raffle tickets are \$100 each or three tickets for \$200.

To see a full list of available prizes, or to purchase raffle tickets online, visit [www.straightfromtheheartevent.org](http://www.straightfromtheheartevent.org) or contact the Community West Foundation at 216-476-7061.



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Post your group's free community events online at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com)

**Friday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Open Art Studio**

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*BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village*

**Saturday, Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m.**

**Bay Village League of Women Voters meeting**

Roger Thoma will be our guest. An aquatic ecologist at the Midwest Biodiversity Institute, Mr. Thoma is an expert on water quality. He spearheaded the Black River cleanup and has studied crayfish extensively, describing many new species. At the Ohio EPA, he developed water quality assessment methods, and he served as a biological expert with the U.S. EPA. Members of the public are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

*Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Road*

**Tuesday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Public Employee Retirees Inc. Meeting**

Alicia Huddleston, community liaison for the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIIP), a division of the Ohio Department of Insurance, will talk about the parts and options of Medicare. She will distribute copies of the current "Guide to Medicare" which will be useful when working with the medical insurance connectors later in 2015.

*Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Rd.*

**Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Tax & Investments: Integrating Tax Savvy Strategies to help Preserve your Nest Egg**

Northeast Ohio Personal Computers welcomes financial planner Alex Menassa to discuss tax treatment of IRAs, ROTHs and annuities; opportunities with ROTH conversions; how to create flexibility to control your taxes in retirement; and advantages of tax qualified accounts. Whether you realize it or not, the IRS is an important partner in your retirement planning process. Participants in this program will learn about how to take advantage of the tax rules in putting together a retirement planning program, and will learn specific action steps to take to make the tax laws work in their favor. Program is free and open to all.

*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Saturday, Jan. 17, 2 p.m.**

**Fighting With your Elementary-Aged Child Over Screen Time?**

Join Don Caserta, LISW-S, in this interactive presentation to discuss how to minimize conflict with your child over screen time. Some of the areas he will address include why establishing limits is critical and how to keep your child safe from predators and cyber bullying. Caserta will also talk about adapting screen time behavioral strategies based on your child's age such as using reinforcement systems with younger children and collaborative negotiating agreements with adolescents.

*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, Jan. 21, 12:30-2 p.m.**

**College Club West: Board Games and Cards**

College Club West will continue its monthly gathering with an opportunity to unwind after the holiday rush and meet new friends at a social gathering involving board games and cards. This social club is a nonprofit organization for college educated women. New members are welcome. For information, visit [www.collegeclubwest.org](http://www.collegeclubwest.org).

*Don Umerley Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River*

**Wednesday, Jan. 21, 6:30-8:45 p.m.**

**Cuyahoga West Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society**

This first program of the New Year begins a three-part series of how-to tips for researching your family history. "Digging for Your Roots: Embarking on the Quest" will focus on how to organize your search. The program begins at 7 p.m. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7 p.m. The public is invited, at no cost.

*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7-9 p.m.**

**Love and Logic Parenting Program**

The Westlake Council of PTAs and School Counselors are sponsoring this entertaining parenting program that is designed to give practical skills that can be used immediately with preschool through teenage children. This six-session program will be held on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m., Jan. 21 through Feb. 25. For more information, contact our school counselors: Sandee Erdman at 250-1366 (Dover/Bassett), Sheri Foster at 250-1155 (Hilliard/Holly Lane) or Kerry Brickman at 250-1198 (Dover Intermediate).

*Westlake High School, Lecture Room A201, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.*



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