

## St. Raphael students collect over 8,000 items for food drive

by CATHY PFAFF

St. Raphael students rallied behind their “March the Madness Out of Hunger” food drive, and collected 8,120 non-perishable food items. The amount collected was well over the school’s goal of 4,000 items, and far surpassed last year’s total of 5,500 items.

“We are so appreciative of the

students and parents who sorted, loaded and drove the food to area locations,” said Ann Miller, St. Raphael School’s principal. “It went very smoothly, and everyone at the food pantries was so grateful for the food.”

All food collected was distributed to St. Malachi’s, St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. Jerome’s and St. Joseph Center in Lorain. ◆



Ellie Taliak, a seventh-grader at St. Raphael School, helps sort through some of the 8,000+ food items that were donated by students and teachers in the school’s annual food drive.

## Spring can bring wild animal intervention questions



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Spring has sprung, and with it comes a new generation of wildlife. While it isn’t true that a baby bird will be rejected by its mother if handled by a human, it’s wise to contact an expert before approaching wild animals. See page 8 for tips on what to do if you come across an abandoned animal.

## Father-daughter soap box team breaking stereotypes

BY ANNA TULTZ

Team Samoa is busting stereotypes and taking names. The team of five Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 70255 of Westlake are out to prove that Soap Box Derby Racing is not only a father-son activity.

The ambitious fourth-graders and their skillful fathers are racing

in the 2015 Gravity Racing Challenge in Cleveland on April 25.

Breaking away from the stereotypical mother-daughter activities, the five young ladies are exposing themselves to new opportunities and challenges. The girls are proving that they can get their hands dirty and break a sweat just like the boys.

With guidance from their fathers,

the girls have learned how to identify and use tools; how to identify parts and understand why they are necessary; and learned about shop safety. All skills not usually taught in home economics.

The girls are also learning how to finance their project on their own, which is necessary given their dreams of winning three separate derby titles.

Team Samoa plans to participate in the Cleveland (April 25), Port Clinton (May 2), and Akron (May 16) Gravity Racing Challenges.

To pay for the race fees and T-shirts, the father-daughter team has been promoting their efforts through fundraisers. They showcased their car at the girls’ school, Holly Lane Elementary, in March.

The father-daughter team will conduct test run trials on Sunday, April 12, to determine the drivers for each race. ◆



Team Samoas, girls scouts from Troop 70255, will compete in the Gravity Racing Challenge on April 25. From left: Samantha Wohleber, Carly Reiss, Rachel Bangham, Shannon Gannon and Avery Junkins.

## Teen speaker to discuss tolerance

Westlake City Schools, Westlake Porter Public Library and Connecting for Kids are partnering to bring speaker Justin Bachman to Westlake for a free talk on tolerance, inclusion and differences. Bachman’s presentation will take place at the Westlake Schools Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

Bachman is a speaker with HonorGoodDeeds.com, an organization that empowers individuals to embrace their differences. Seventeen-year-old Bachman uses personal stories from his life to highlight things students see every day. As a high school student he will bring his first-hand perspective on the life of a teenager, and discuss challenging subjects, including bullying, inclusion, differences and the impact of disrespect. Bachman will also bring an inspiring message about the importance self-worth and being open to accepting differences in ourselves and others.

“We are very excited to be bringing Justin to Westlake to share his message of tolerance and acceptance with families and kids,” said Westlake High School guidance counselor Liz Osicki.

The Performing Arts Center is located at Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd. ◆





# Home improvement the focus of Bay Village town hall meeting

by TARA WENDELL

The city of Bay Village will host a home improvement workshop for residents Monday, April 20, 7 p.m. at the Dwyer Memorial Center, Mayor Debbie Sutherland announced during the March 30 City Council meeting. The workshop, which takes the place of a traditional town hall meeting, will inform residents about resources to improve their homes.

“What we want to do is connect residents with options in terms of low-interest loans and professional guidance on how they can improve their properties, which we hope and believe will result in higher values for resale and higher tax values for the city and the community at large,” Bay Village City Council President Paul Koomar said during the Council session.

The city's chief building official, John Cheatham, and Cuyahoga County officials will discuss the permitting process. Representatives from the non-profit Cleveland Restoration Society will also be on hand to share information on the Heritage Home Program, which offers technical advice and loans to homeowners.

“The City pays an administrative fee

for participation in the Heritage Home Loan Program, on behalf of the residents, for participation in the program and the providing of fixed-rate 10-year loans for residents,” said Koomar. “We want to get all of this information out to the residents.”

The format of the workshop is similar to the sewer meeting held last year, in which city leaders shared information on a topic of interest, provided City Council updates and answered questions from residents.



PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

Bay Village residents listen as Mayor Debbie Sutherland discusses sewer rates at a March 2014 town hall meeting at the Dwyer Center. A similar meeting, this time focused on home improvements, will be held April 20.

“What we have tried to do in these meetings is have a focus, whether it is our consulting engineer come in and talk about sewers, or talk about home improvement options,” Koomar said. “We are going to start walk-around home inspections again, something that during the downturn in the economy we had to suspend.”

All residents are invited to attend the meeting to learn about available resources and interact with their elected officials. ●

## Bay Village Ward 3 rep to host meeting

Karen Lieske, Ward 3 Bay Village City Council representative, invites residents of the ward to join her for a town hall meeting on Tuesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Bay Village City Hall.

Come find out what City Council has done recently, ask questions and meet other Ward 3 residents. Information will be shared about the property management program and the Heritage Home Program. We will talk while we enjoy homemade baked goods.

For additional information, please contact Councilmember Lieske at [lieskebayville@gmail.com](mailto:lieskebayville@gmail.com). ●



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BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

# Bay High junior Alana Bernys earns top ACT score of 36

by KAREN DERBY

Bay High junior Alana Bernys earned the highest possible composite score of 36 on the ACT college entrance exam she took in February. On average, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earns the top score. Among test takers in the high school graduating class of 2014, only 1,407 of nearly 1.85 million students earned a composite score of 36.

Alana is a member of Bay High's National Honor Society, a Bay High Rockette, and a team leader for the school's Team Africa. She has been a serious student of ballet and is currently a member of the ballet company at Beck Center, putting as much as 11 hours per week into her pre-professional training.

While Alana hasn't yet decided on a future college or career, she is interested in doing medical research. "I will probably major in biochemistry or microbiology," she said.

Alana has attended the Bay Village Schools since fourth grade. She resides in Bay Village with her parents, Julie and Bill, and three younger siblings.

"Since her freshman year, Alana has always been able to balance her involvement in school groups, her involvement in groups outside of school, and the expectations of a rigorous schedule," said Bay High Principal Jason Martin. "It is great to see such a diligent, hardworking student receive such positive feedback for her commitment to learning. This is a score that truly reflects her ability due to her effort and positive attitude toward learning."

ACT test scores are accepted by all major U.S. colleges. Exceptional scores of 36 provide colleges with evidence of student readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead. ●

# St. John Medical Group adds Westlake surgeon

The private practice of Floyd Trillis Jr., M.D., F.A.C.S., has joined the St. John Medical Group.

"I look forward to continuing to provide my patients with the most comprehensive and advanced care, building upon St. John Medical Group's dedication to excellence," says Dr. Trillis, who is accepting new patients and will continue to provide care to his established patients. His location and contact information remain unchanged.

Dr. Trillis has practiced as a general surgeon at St. John Medical Center since completing his surgical training at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He currently serves as the hospital's Chief of General Surgery and Director of the Trauma Program. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including Physician of the Year and Outstanding Specialty Medicine Physician of the Year, and is a member of the Society of St. Luke for distinguished service to patients and supporting the mission of St. John Medical Center.

As a general surgeon, Dr. Trillis performs a variety of surgeries, including gall bladder, hernia, breast, trauma and abdominal surgery. He is also a member of the



Dr. Floyd Trillis Jr.

physician panel of the St. John Medical Center Wound Care Center.

Dr. Trillis received his undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University, his medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine, and his postgraduate training in general surgery at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

He also has received additional training in laser and laparoscopic surgery.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Cleveland Academy of Medicine and the Ohio State Medical Association.

He and his wife Diane live in Westlake and have four grown children. Their daughter, Dr. Christina Marie Trillis, is an endocrinologist with Westshore Primary Care.

Questions or appointment information can be directed to Dr. Trillis' office at 440-835-6116.

St. John Medical Group is a multi-specialty physician group of St. John Medical Center consisting of general surgery, cardiology, EP, vascular, colorectal and neurology. ●

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### National Scholastics Art Silver Medalist - Zoe Miller



Zoe Miller's photograph, *Paper Rolls*, earned a Silver Medal in New York City after earning a Regional Gold Key.



### Two-time Ohio Div. II State Swimming Champ - Trevor Lake



Trevor Lake took Division II First Place in both the 50 and the 100 freestyle two years in a row. He will swim for University of Wisconsin next year.

### Highest possible ACT score - Alana Bernys



### Ohio Key Club Governor and Lt. Governors



Next year, Bay High sophomore Laura Colagiovanni (left) will serve as the state Governor!



Branson Stang (left) passes the Division Lt. Governor baton to Annamarie McGuire (right) for next year.



### National Merit Commended Students



Left-to-right, front row - Melanie Kukura, Mary Woods, Jessica Mosier, Andrea Bliscik; and back row - Michael Clark, Arif Caushaj and Joseph O'Brien.



THE DIGITAL WORLD

# Act II: The method and madness of ‘cutting the cord’

by TAK SATO

*Part two of a two-part series*

In the first installment of the series about “cutting the cable cord,” I explained that considerations did not require, or hinge on, your internet connection. However, an internet connection, which I often compare to public utility lines coming into your home, is required for the considerations we explore today.

**Know your TV viewing habits**

Due to the nascent, but very rapidly evolving, landscape of streaming live TV programming through the internet, many channels are still not available as of today.

Making a list of the channels you currently enjoy watching regularly may help you make honest assessments as to which channels you must have versus those you can live without when weighed against other parameters such as monthly entertainment cost savings.

**Certified smart or make-it smart**

Computer-like attributes of connecting to the internet and receiving programming is part of what makes a smart TV “smart.” If you have a perfectly working digital TV that is not “smart,” you can make it so by connecting one of the internet streaming boxes from brands such as Roku, Apple and Amazon.

Even smart TVs with aging smart internals, but showing perfect picture otherwise, can benefit from an externally attached internet streaming box due to newer technology.

**Dawn of streaming live TV**

Until recently most of the programming available to be streamed through the internet, whether free or subscription based (the former is usually ad-supported), were pre-recorded materials such as movies and TV shows. Netflix, iTunes, Hulu and Amazon Video dominated this category; live TV was cable/satellite TV providers’ dominance ... until recently.

Newcomers such as SlingTV, Play-

station Vue and the rumored streaming live TV services from Apple coming later this year are shaking up the TV industry.

**Old dogs forced to learn new tricks**

As the internet, mother of all disruptive innovations, shakes up the TV industry just like it did the music industry, cable/satellite TV providers are incorporating streaming functionalities for subscribers.

Rumors abound that they may also be ready to change strategy and offer subscriber-selectable channel packages, semi-a-la-carte, instead of forcing subscribers to buy packages that include channels not being watched.

**Holistic picture: To cut or not to cut the cord**

Currently the potential monthly savings of cutting the cord – assuming the channels you need to watch are provided for free by over-the-air antenna reception, through the internet via live TV streaming and on-demand subscriptions – may be enticing.

As a strategist I predict that this landscape will change where the economics of cutting the cord may be marginalized while focus shifts to the intrinsic value provided by the quality of the experience of content delivered through the internet and onto all devices.

As reliance on your internet connection becomes pronounced, the cost of acquiring a faster (translate: bigger) internet connection into your home will also be required.

What we discussed in Acts I and II will need to be tallied, with value additionally assigned to the intangible parameter that I will call “the experience” to see if it is appropriate for you to cut or not to cut the cord. Either way we are living in exciting times! ●

*Part I of this series is available at [wbvobserver.com/read/columns/the-digital-world](http://wbvobserver.com/read/columns/the-digital-world).*

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# PGA tour event in Westlake seeks volunteers

by ERIC EAKIN

Want to rub shoulders with some of the best golfers on the planet? Want to help ensure that a PGA-sponsored tour event that is coming to Westlake runs smoothly?

Then you should volunteer to help out at the upcoming Rust-Oleum Championship golf tournament, set for June 8-14 at the beautiful Lakewood Country Club in Westlake.

Volunteers are needed for course marshals, security, scoring, admissions, on-course services, clubhouse

services, volunteer services, and to assist the Golf Channel.

There is a \$40 fee to volunteer, but you receive a limited-edition hat, polo shirt, two tickets to the tournament for the whole week and one meal per shift you work. (They charge you \$75 to volunteer at the Bridgestone in Akron and close to \$100 at other golf tournaments.)

Proceeds from the event benefit the Cleveland Clinic Children’s Hospital.

Sign up today at [www.rustoleum-championship.com](http://www.rustoleum-championship.com). For any questions, call the tournament office at 216-503-2270. ●

SPORTING VIEWS

# No reservations about ‘95 Indians

by JEFF BING

With the start of the MLB season right around the corner, there are plenty of reasons to be optimistic about the 2015 Tribe. The pitching should be solid enough to sustain a legitimate run at the postseason, and with talented players such as Francisco Lindor waiting for their chance, it just might be a season to remember.

Speaking of which, it only recently occurred to yours truly that it’s now been two full decades since the Indians took MLB by storm and went on a magical run, *almost* becoming world champs in 1995. Yep, there are now folks in their early 20s who were too young to experience the thrills of 1995. So for their sake – as well as mine – let’s take a peek back to the “good old days” before it becomes even more of a distant memory.

The Indians had looked promising in 1994. In fact, they were only a game out of first place when a players’ strike cut the season short, canceling the playoffs and World Series that year. The same strike delayed the start of the 1995 season, and it cost the Indians 18 games, forcing an abbreviated 144-game schedule. As things turned out, it didn’t matter.

The Indians rolled through the 1995 schedule, winning 100 games in spite of the shortened schedule. At that winning percentage (.694), projected over 162 games, the Indians would have won 112. “Mr. Warmth” himself, Albert Belle, connected for 50 home runs, but that was only the beginning. Can you imagine your number *eight* hitter – where first baseman Paul Sorrento hit much of the time – hitting 25 homers? There were four other players on that squad

who hit more than 20 home runs: Manny Ramirez (31), Jim Thome (25), Sorrento (25), and Eddie Murray (21). For good measure, second baseman Carlos Baerga hit 15 dingers, too.

The 1995 Indians didn’t just beat their opponents; they pulverized ‘em. Without a weak spot in the batting order, I remember people referring to the Tribe’s offense as a “beer league” lineup, as the final scores in many of the games that year resembled the inflated results of so-called softball “beer league” numbers.

Even though the offense is what carried the team, when it came to pitching, most people forget how good it was. Charles Nagy and Orel Hershisier posted identical 16-6 records, and Dennis Martinez – who, along with Hershisier, had been acquired by GM John Hart to stabilize a young pitching staff – chipped in with a 12-5 mark. Out of the bullpen, Jose Mesa had a monster year, saving 46 games while posting a microscopic 1.13 ERA. Julian Tavaréz chipped in with 10 victories in relief, as well.

The American League playoffs were awesome, with the Indians sweeping the Red Sox and then surviving a difficult test against Randy Johnson and the Seattle Mariners. The only bad thing to happen to the Indians in 1995 was the National League’s version of the Tribe, the Atlanta Braves. Running into Greg Maddux – he of the 19-2 record and 1.63 ERA – along with young stars Tom Glavine and John Smoltz, the Braves’ pitching was a shade better than the Tribe’s, and we fell to them in six games. A World Championship for Cleveland fans was relegated to the back burner yet one more time, but it was *still* one heck of a ride.

Maybe *this* will be the year ... ●

# Bay’s Fly-A-Flag project resumes

Bay Village’s Fly-A-Flag project is again underway. Three community groups – American Legion Post 385, Bay Kiwanis and Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter DAR – have joined together to supply FREE American flags to Bay residents with limited means or abilities who request them.

This year, the DAR especially recognizes 50 years since the Vietnam War. Flags are offered to Bay Village veterans of that war in heartfelt gratitude.

The DAR does the “office work”; American Legion and Kiwanis members install American flags, brackets and flag poles at ground-level locations chosen by the homeowner.

The goal is

to have about 50 donated flags flying around town by Memorial Day.

Would YOU like a flag? Call Deb Marisch at 440-871-7680 or email [deb@spffutures.com](mailto:deb@spffutures.com).

Deb will take your name, address and telephone number and pass them along to Jim Potter, her Kiwanis “installer.” Jim will call you and schedule a convenient date and time for your American flag to be installed.

The response has been encouraging; only a few flag sets still remain. Honor all of America’s military. Call or email Deb today to schedule delivery and installation of your flag in time for Memorial Day. ●



Join in at [www.wbvobserver.com](http://www.wbvobserver.com)



# Spring Fling to raise funds for Village Project

by DIANE FRYE

Spring is in the air – finally – and it's time to have some fun and help out a great local cause. Vosh in Lakewood is the place to be on Friday, April 24, for an evening of music, food, beer and fun. Tickets are \$75 per person and include two drink tickets, hors d'oeuvres and a donation to Village Project.

Village Project is non-profit organization whose mission is to provide nourishing meals and extended care and service to cancer patients and their families in the local community. Donations from this fundraiser go directly to helping VP continue its work.

The Spring Fling runs from 5:30-8 p.m. with "happy time" to mingle, eat and drink. After 8 p.m., patrons will be able to enjoy music from Monica Robbins and the Whiskey Kings. This is an opportunity to bid farewell to the work week, say hello to spring, and best of all, aid an organization that has provided more than 7,000 meals and extended services to more than 65 families in Bay Village, Westlake, Avon Lake and Rocky River.

Tickets are available at [www.ourvillage-project.com](http://www.ourvillage-project.com). ●

# Westlake Historical Society marks 150th birthday of native son Jack Miner

by ERIC HANSEN

This year the Westlake Historical Society celebrates the sesquicentennial of the birth of Westlake's native son, Jack Miner. Our community identifies with "Wild Goose Jack," through the Ohio Historical marker placed on the west side of Dover Center Road, south of Westown Boulevard near Cahoon Creek.

Born April 10, 1865, Jack spent the first 13 years of his youth exploring, observing and developing a deep and passionate relationship with the outdoors. It was in Dover Township that Jack's life experiences laid the foundation for his future legacy as "The Father of Conservation." In 1878, the Miners moved north of the border to Kingsville, Ontario, where Jack spent the remainder of his life.

Jack always had a soft spot for the land of his birth in Dover Township, and spoke fondly of his experiences growing up in Ohio. Today, Kingsville is Westlake's designated Canadian Sister City.

In Kingsville Jack established the Jack Miner Migratory Bird Sanctuary in 1904 for the conservation of migrating waterfowl. During his lifetime he banded more than 50,000 wild ducks and 40,000 migrating Canada geese. His efforts subsequently changed waterfowl migratory patterns.

Jack pioneered a system of placing aluminum bands around the leg of migrating waterfowl that initially had simple instructions to send the band, or "tag" back to Kingsville, so that migratory patterns could be tracked. Jack then enhanced the system by placing scripture on the tags, letting the birds become "missionaries from the air." Many respondents that acquired the bands

were truly moved by the sentiments conveyed; thus, Jack became responsible for enhancing the faith of thousands.

Jack Miner's life was a rich legacy filled with joy, tragedy and numerous transformations. He was a market hunter, guide, brick and tile maker, Sunday school teacher, conservationist and lecturer. He was known for his plaid suits and his sense of wit and wisdom.

In 1944 he was identified as the fifth best known man on the North American continent, behind the likes of Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Charles Lindbergh and Eddie Rickenbacker. In 1947, Canada's House of Commons passed an act that established Canada's National Wildlife Week to be held each year during the week of Jack Miner's birth.

So it is that the Westlake Historical Society is celebrating 2015 with a number of Jack Miner events. A Jack Miner birthday celebration will be held Thursday, April 23, at the monthly historical society meeting at Porter Library. Come enjoy birthday cake and hear a discussion on the life of Jack Miner and why we celebrate this extraordinary man and his relevance to Westlake history. Festivities begin at 7 p.m.

Also, the Westlake Historical Society will present "An Evening with Jack Miner" at the Clague Playhouse on Saturday, Aug. 1. Proceeds will benefit the historical society, Clague Playhouse and the Jack Miner Migratory Bird Foundation.

For more information on these and other historical society events, please call the historical society at their new number 216-848-0680, or email at [westlakehistory@yahoo.com](mailto:westlakehistory@yahoo.com), and don't forget to "like" us on Facebook. ●

## FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

# Blessings from Mother Meera

by SHARON FEDOR

Mother Meera returns to Cleveland on Monday, April 20. She will be in Westlake, at Unity Spiritual Center giving Blessings/Darshans at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Darshan is the bestowal of love, light and grace, given in complete silence. No long lectures or wordy sermons here. This sacred, silent program is free, but reservations are required.

It is not every day one is offered the opportunity to meet an Avatar. Mother Meera explains that as an Avatar, people of all faiths can receive help from her. Her power and her purpose are Divine, "to help humans, and to make them happy, peaceful, harmonious, contented and loving." She believes that "happiness and spiritual growth are connected." Who among us would say no to more happiness or contentment?

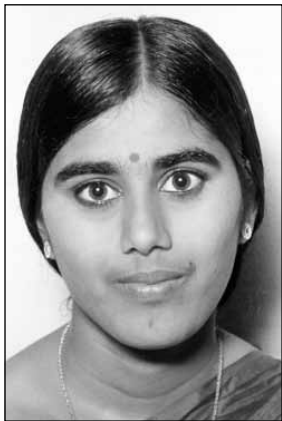
We've heard it said that the eyes are the windows to the soul, and each attending will move forward from their seat in Unity Hall to Mother Meera singly. She will look deeply into your eyes. It will be a silent one-to-one interaction. With your head held gently in her fingers, she will search your soul-filled eyes, untie knots and obstacles, and search for where her blessings will be most beneficial.

Here are some guidelines for Mother Meera's Darshan, that will help things go smoothly. After making

your reservation, print it and bring it to Unity on April 20. Arrive early. Turn off cell phones before entering the building. Come with clean hair. During Darshan, wear clean socks or soft slippers; your shoes will be left under your seat. Be ready to kneel for a short time; if you can't kneel, a chair will be provided. Attendees should be able to sit quietly for two to three hours. As Mother Meera says, "When people have a silent mind, they will receive more."

Mother Meera was born in South India, and currently lives in a small German village. She travels extensively, bestowing her Darshan, always for free. She has opened a school for children at her Ashram in India. Classes are taught in English or Telegu to children who would not have been able to receive an education if it weren't for her school.

Read more about her work, or make your reservation for the April 20 Darshan at [mothermeeracleve-land.org](http://mothermeeracleve-land.org). Reservations may also be made by calling Bob at 216-374-3493, or emailing [mothermeeracleve-land@gmail.com](mailto:mothermeeracleve-land@gmail.com). Unity Spiritual Center is located at 23855 Detroit Road. ●



Mother Meera will offer spiritual blessings April 20 at Unity in Westlake.

# Cleveland Water's 2014 water quality report now available

by JOHN GOERSMEYER

Water quality is essential to all of us – and the quality of our water affects the quality of our lives. Cleveland Division of Water is committed to providing its customers safe, high-quality drinking water.

That is why the division maintains a rigorous quality control program and continues to invest substantial financial resources to improve our water treatment facilities and distribution system. Our water is constantly monitored and tested. The water produced

and delivered by Cleveland Water far exceeds the most stringent water quality standards currently mandated by federal and state water regulations, and last year was no exception.

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# Preparing children with autism for adulthood takes time.

Planning to help a child with autism make the transition into adulthood is a lengthy process. Ideally, it should begin in early adolescence, as the child's interests and abilities start to emerge.



Thomas Frazier II, PhD

"Many children with autism are dependent on their families and caregivers, but our goal is to help them eventually learn to live and work as independently as possible in adulthood," says Thomas Frazier II, PhD, director of Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism.

For many, holding a job can be a challenge, as they struggle to read social cues. They can encounter conflict with others and be uncertain how to deal with it. The work environment can be baffling to them, as any small change in their routine or structure can be very difficult to handle.

For higher-functioning children with autism, the transition to adulthood should focus on identifying their capabilities and interests, and then finding ways for them to use those skills, says Dr. Frazier. Often this involves pairing them with a job coach in an internship or other training situation, where they can be supported as they learn to navigate the social environment while also learning how to do the job. Then, they can be moved gradually into a more independent role.

For children who are lower-functioning, the focus is more on training them how to perform specific tasks using behavior therapy to master the skills, and placing them in an environment in which a highly supportive boss or mentor can help them transition to the job and avoid unproductive behaviors that can lead to them being fired.

Both groups need help mastering "soft skills," such as how to communicate their wants and needs with supervisors or resolve conflicts with coworkers.

Planning this transition takes a lot of time and effort, but it can be successful for many children with autism and allow them to live productive, fulfilling adult lives.

*To learn more about the services offered at Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism or to schedule an evaluation for your child, please call 216.448.6440 or visit [clevelandclinicchildrens.org/autism](http://clevelandclinicchildrens.org/autism). Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.*

## Pieces of Hope for Autism

In recognition of National Autism Awareness Month, Panera Bread is hosting the "Pieces of Hope for Autism" campaign which benefits Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism.

Monday, April 13 through Sunday, April 19, Puzzle Piece shortbread cookies will be available at participating Panera Bread bakery-café's in Cleveland, Akron and Canton, Ohio. One hundred percent of the proceeds from all cookie sales will be donated to Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism.

*Puzzle Piece cookies may also be pre-ordered online at [covelli.com/AutismCLE](http://covelli.com/AutismCLE).*



## LAKE ERIE NATURE &amp; SCIENCE CENTER

# Call the experts before helping distressed wildlife

by WENDY HANNA

It's that time of year when bunnies are just venturing out into the grass. Small birds are learning how to leave the nest. And newborn deer are stretching those long legs.

It's also a time of year when the phone at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center rings almost constantly. Most often in the wild, these animals are born and grow independent of humans. But when concerned residents encounter baby wildlife that may need help, wildlife staff at the Center is happy to be a resource.

"This is definitely our busiest time

of year," says Amy LeMonds, director of wildlife.

If you come across an animal you feel may need assistance, LeMonds offers some guidance. Safety, she says, should be a priority and asks that people never risk their own safety to help an animal.

The best course of action is to call the trained staff at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center before intervening. LeMonds and her team are always happy to answer questions or provide resources to callers. They do it frequently – over 4,000 calls came in last year alone.

Their primary goal during that conversation is to determine if human intervention is necessary. "We have a

top-notch rehabilitation facility and staff but we'll never be able to provide the same quality of care these animals would get from their parents in their natural environment," she says. When possible, she works to see that animals remain in the wild.

In some cases, however, treatment and care are vital. In 2014 there were over 1,300

cases where wildlife patients were admitted to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. The staff works tirelessly to stabilize, medicate, nourish and treat the animal with the ultimate goal of releasing it back into the wild.

Wildlife staff can be reached at 440-471-8357 during the Center's hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. If you find an animal outside these times, it is

best kept in a small, dark and quiet place. Ideally the animal should be kept in a container only slightly larger than itself to reduce the risk of further injury. No food or drink should be offered.

"It is a pleasure to teach people about how amazing our local wildlife is," LeMonds said. "We're so thankful to all the people who appreciate and care for our wild neighbors." ●



LAKE ERIE NATURE &amp; SCIENCE CENTER

Mothers leave young fawns to rest for long periods of time, returning as needed to groom and feed them.

## As winter ends, kitten season begins

by SUSAN MURNANE

Now that the snow has melted, cats and kittens will come out to enjoy the good weather. Some of the cats will be friendly neighborhood cats out for a stroll. Others may be friendly cats that are lost, stray or abandoned. If you notice a friendly cat in your neighborhood that you don't know, report it by calling the police department. Someone may be looking for it.

A stray or abandoned friendly cat may be adoptable, but shelters are usually full this time of year. The Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL) does not euthanize cats to make room for new admissions; you can make an appointment for an animal surrender when space becomes available. They will charge a fee.

An unfriendly cat may be feral. The APL will not accept healthy feral cats. Feral cats are the same species as domestic cats but they are not socialized to humans and cannot be adopted out as pets. Feral cats can live long, healthy lives outdoors, but they will be euthanized if they end up in shelters.

You can help both stray and feral cats through TNR (trap, neuter and return the cat to the where you found it). The Cleveland APL will spay/neuter and vaccinate outdoor cats in Cuyahoga County for \$10 and "tip" the cat's left ear. A cat with a tipped ear is called a community cat and should be left alone. Once the cat has been neutered and vaccinated you may

safely feed it and shelter it outdoors. Inexpensive shelters can be fabricated from common household materials and straw.

The Cleveland APL and the National Animal Control Officers Association both support TNR as the most humane and effective way to reduce cat overpopulation. Friendly outdoor cats may be brought into the APL in a pet carrier, but feral cats need to be humanely trapped. You can borrow humane traps and get advice on trapping at [clevelandapl.org](http://clevelandapl.org) and from Friends of the Bay Village Kennel, [friendsofbayvillagekennel.com](http://friendsofbayvillagekennel.com).

Many cats have kittens in the early spring. If you see kittens outdoors, their mother is probably close by. A feral cat's kittens can be socialized and adopted as pets, but "rescuing" kittens may not be a good idea unless you intend to care for them indefinitely yourself.

You may not be able to find a shelter that will care for the kittens until adopted. If the kittens are too young they may need to be bottle fed; if the kittens are too old they may be difficult to socialize. A kitten may not adapt well to being removed from its mother, or it may be frightened and bite you.

Alley Cat Allies, the expert on stray and feral cats, recommends watching to see whether the mother cat returns, offering food and shelter to keep the family safe and near, and then TNR'ing the entire colony when the kittens are old enough. For more information, consult Alley Cat Allies at [www.alley-cat.org](http://www.alley-cat.org). ●

## Westlake Animal Hospital assists pet rescue group



Westlake Animal Hospital happily hands over a check for Facebook 'likes' to Mercy's Door Pet Rescue Inc. for \$1087.00! Dr. David Love, Dr. Colleen Madden and Dr. Allison Riedl were thrilled to be able to provide Mercy's Door with assistance toward their care of pets in need. Mercy's Door representatives Krissi Fussner, Becca Evans and the adorable Mr. Gator were present to accept our check.

Mercy's Door Pet Rescue basically saves death row dogs. They do not have an actual shelter but operate strictly out of foster homes, which they feel gives the dogs the best chance to acclimate to a family and to find their forever homes.

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Westlake Animal Hospital ([westlakeah.com](http://westlakeah.com)) has a well-deserved reputation for community service, and it is our privilege to be able to assist when and where we can. We are located at 27370 Center Ridge Road in the wonderful city of Westlake. We welcome new patients – call for an appointment 440.835.3800 or e-mail to [westlakeah@aol.com](mailto:westlakeah@aol.com).



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# Volunteer effort helps dog in need

by NANCY BROWN

The power and the passion of the volunteers, our animal loving community and, in my personal opinion, the power of prayer made for a very happy day on the shores of Lake Erie in Bay Village this past Friday.

Volunteers from Friends of the Bay Village Kennel, Love-A-Stray Dog Division out of Avon Lake, the Francati family and Baeppler families, along with a few others kept social media whirling about the little black Labrador retriever stuck out on the lake.

A Bay Village resident opened her home to media for warmth and food as they too monitored the situation. The Bay police and fire departments logged over 100 calls each just on Friday.

Friends of the Bay Village Kennel started reaching out to animal clinics, police departments, rescues, and animal wardens from Cleveland to Lorain County looking for an owner.

Love-A-Stray's facebook posting made a connection about the missing dog from the east end of Lorain off Lake Road which brought the family to the Bay Village Police Department that escorted them to the loca-

tion of the dog.

She was now 880 yards off shore, dragging a rear leg, moving slowly and laying down and curling up a lot.

In unison from the boat dock we yelled her name over and over again with high-powered equipment, hoping to see a response. We waved family clothing and knew that time and options were running out unless Kimberly would gain the strength and courage to come to shore over open waters, and a 5-foot-high bank of ice.

In addition to broken ice and the frigid water, Mother Nature threw in another challenge – large coyotes and their pups. On a few attempts to come in on her own, coyotes chased Kimberly out on the lake further north. Rescuers believe this why she might have curled up in a ball on the ice during the day – to rest so she could be alert and moving at night and far enough from prey.

On Thursday, the Bay Village Fire Department attempted a rescue, using the opportunity as a training session. The Coast Guard also used this as a training session but would not repeat the exercise on Friday because the conditions had changed overnight with what



Kimberly, the black Labrador puppy, made national news when she was rescued from Lake Erie on Friday, March 20.

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equipment they had. Avon Lake Fire Department volunteers came before dark, suited up in ice suits as well and each got with in 100 yards with no success as she fled east.

Friday brought hope again as she was spotted very close to the shore of Cashelmara but was spooked again by what was thought to be a coyote and humans. She went back northwest and curled up in a ball, rarely bringing up her head and we all dreaded that the worst had or was about to come.

The Francati family received a call about the air boat dispatched from Sandusky and we made the call to the Bay Village police to open the gate at Bay Boat Club to

launch. We could hear the boat and the see the boat and the dog never raised her head.

"Oh, come on, Kimberly," yelled her family. "Come on, baby, it is time to come home."

As the boat approached she rose up and, just like a Disney movie with a happy ending, it all came together – Kimberly jumped in and now rests in the arms of her loving family again.

Family and rescuers fled to the boat club for a woofing reunion and transport to Detroit Dover Animal Hospital. She got a clean bill of health from the veterinarian.

On a concerned and sad note, a family missing a black Labrador was hopeful it was their dog and others insisted

it was their dog and prepared to take the dog right then and there. Luckily, Kimberly's family had the new flyer they just made, and APL director Greg Wiley as well as the Lorain County Sheriff were there to verify the dog and her rightful owner.

The evening ended in dog kisses, tears a media frenzy for one of the luckiest dogs to ever visit Bay Village.

Please hug your pets each day, support animal rescue and thank our safety forces for doing all they can do.

Friends of the Bay Village Kennel would like to send a big thank you to many of the folks who came to the aid of the sweet black Lab puppy Kimberly missing from the eastern end of Lorain:

- Bay Village safety forces
- U.S. Coast Guard, Cleveland
- Lorain County Sheriff
- Friendship APL and Cleveland APL
- Volunteers from the Avon Lake Fire Department
- The Francati family
- Elite K-911
- Connie Fields from Love-A-Stray Dog Division
- WKYC-TV Channel 3
- All the people that made phone calls and social media posts and never gave up hope! ●

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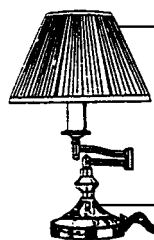
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# All-American cast enchants FYI: Opera audience

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

When the essence of great music is delivered by a beautiful voice the level of enjoyment for fortunate listeners cannot be measured. And certainly the singer's country of origin is irrelevant.

David Bamberger, artistic director of Opera at the Cleveland Institute of Music, who assembled the March 31 FYI: Opera program, originally scheduled an international foursome of CIM voice students from three countries to perform. But health problems forced two singers to withdraw and their able replacements turned the foursome into an All-American cast.

And the near capacity audience gathered at Westlake Porter Public Library thoroughly enjoyed the talented voices that performed the music of Donizetti, Offenbach, Mozart and Massenet. Soprano Rachel Kunce opened the program with a wonderful performance of an aria from Donizetti's "Daughter of the Regiment." A selection from one of

Offenbach's operettas was sung by mezzo-soprano Erika Rodden with beauty and passion.

As Bamberger narrates the program with his knowledge and humor, he reveals background information on the composers and their works. He noted that Donizetti was not given due credit for the influence his work had on later composers including Gilbert & Sullivan.

Introducing a piece from Mozart's "Così fan tutte," which he translated as meaning "Women are like that," Bamberger explained the aria is sung by a maid who is enumerating the things all girls should know about wrapping men around their finger. With a sly smile, he added, "I don't see why they say opera is fiction." Miriam Stoner convincingly sang and performed the maid's aria.

Rodden and Stoner combined their voices and talents to beautifully sing the Letter Scene from Massenet's "Werther." Tenor Kevin Adamik, who sang a selection from Mozart's "The Clemency of Titus," ended the program partnering with Kunce to give an outstanding per-



Soprano Miriam Stoner and Erika Rodden, mezzo-soprano, portray the Letter Scene from Massenet's "Werther."



Tenor Kevin Adamik's declarations of love are not being taken seriously by soprano Rachel Kunce in a duet from Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love."

PHOTOS BY LOUISE SEEHOLZER

formance of a scene from the first act of from Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love." John Simmons, musical director of CIM's Scenes program, provided expert piano accompaniment for the singers.

FYI: Opera programs, offered free to the community by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council for 24 years, preview upcoming performances. The March 31 program was an inviting

sample of CIM's April program, which will cover a wide range of "Sensational Scenes from Sensational Operas." Performances are Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18, at 7:30 p.m., and a Sunday matinee, April 19, at 3 p.m. Information and tickets for the production at Kulas Hall on the CIM campus are available at [cim.edu/events/onlinetickets.php](http://cim.edu/events/onlinetickets.php) or call 216-791-5000. ●

## UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital expands to Westlake

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Open April 1, Rainbow pediatric services at St. John Medical Center feature a child and family-friendly inpatient unit, diagnostic procedures for babies and children, and 24/7 pediatric emergency services.

"We are excited to bring the advanced, family-centered care Rainbow is known for to a convenient location for our patients and families on the west side," Robyn Strosaker, MD, Medical Director of Inpatient Services at UH Rainbow and Rainbow at St. John Medical Center. "Babies and children are unique. Their developing bodies require care from experts who specialize in pediatric medicine, in an environment with unique services and treatments specifically designed for them."

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Additionally, two state-of-the-art procedure rooms adjacent to the Rainbow inpatient unit are in the final phase of construction. Beginning July 1, UH Rainbow at St. John will offer endoscopy, bronchoscopy, radiology and pediatric dentistry procedures. All Rainbow pediatric services at St. John Medical Center are in-network for all major insurance providers, including Medical Mutual of Ohio/SuperMed, Anthem and United Healthcare.

"We are pleased to welcome the

talented physicians and staff from UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital to St. John Medical Center," says William A. Young Jr., President and CEO

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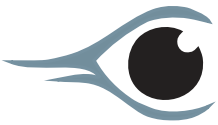
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Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

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**Wednesdays, April 8 and 15 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, April 9 and 16 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS** – Stop by the Youth Services Department 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 Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m.

**Thursday, April 9 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY!** – Join us for a movie! When a criminal plot threatens the hi-tech metropolis of San Fransokyo, robotics whiz Hiro Hamada leaps into action with his tech-savvy friends and his robot companion. Rated PG. Please register.

**Thursday, April 9 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION** – The April selection is “A Fort of Nine Towers: An Afghan Family Story” by Qais Akbar Omar.

**Thursday, April 9 (7-8 p.m.) SNAZZY HEADBAND HOLDERS!** – Need a cool place for your headbands and ponytail holders? Make and take a great headband holder! Grades 5-8. Please register.

**Thursday, April 9 (7-8:30 p.m.) THE TRUE STORY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN** – In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s death, the terrible fate of the president at the hand of an assassin’s bullet and the events leading up to it will be discussed. Please register.

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

**Friday, April 10 (1-2:30 p.m.) FANTASTIC FRIDAY** – Fantastic Friday is a great day for homeschoolers! Every month we’ll explore a new topic with related activities. Ages 6-12. Please register.

**Friday, April 10 (2-3:30 p.m.) POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP** – April is National Poetry Month. Join us to discuss your favorite poems. Bring 3 poems to read out loud and discuss. Please register.

**Friday, April 10 (4-5 p.m.) HOUSE OF READERS** – Participate in reading discussions, crafts and more in this book club for children in grades 1-3 with special needs and their typical peers. Please register.

**Saturday, April 11 (10-11 a.m.) ANDROID TABLET GROUP: HOOPLA** – Learn how to use Hoopla on your Android tablet. Must bring your Android-based tablet with you. Must also have an email account, WPPL library card, and access to Google Play. Please register.

**Saturday, April 11 (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, April 11 (2-3 p.m.) PHINEAS AND FERB PARTY** – We will play party games, air guitar, bingo and watch a “Phineas and Ferb” episode. Ages 7-9. Please register.

**Saturday, April 11 (4-5 p.m.) FULL STEAM AHEAD** – Each session will explore a different aspect of STEAM learning. April = Science. Grades 3 & 4. Please register.

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**Tuesday, April 14 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: NETWORKING EFFECTIVELY** – Learn how to build and maintain business relationships that will assist you throughout your career.

**Thursday, April 16 (3:45-5:45 p.m.) TABLETOP GAMING GROUP** – Board games! Card games! RPGs! Stop by for an afternoon of playing tabletop games with other gamers! Games will include Munchkin, Settlers of Catan, Forbidden Island and more! Grades 7-12.

**Sunday, April 19 (1-1:45 p.m.) MEET-UPS!** – Join us for video games, socialization and play among children in grades 1-5 with special needs with their caregivers. Registration begins April 12.

**Sunday, April 19 (2-3:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS!** – Games, crafts, puzzles and more! All ages. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Monday, April 20 (1:30-2:45 p.m.) START SKYPING** – Learn more about using Skype to keep in touch with far-away family and friends, through video, voice and messaging. Bring your own devices (smartphone, tablet, laptop, etc.). Please register.

**Monday, April 20 (3:45-5:30 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE: MONEY SMART WEEK!** – We’ll have all the supplies available to make duct tape wallets in honor of Money Smart Week! Teens in grades 7-12 only.

**Monday, April 20 (7-7:45 p.m.) ACCIDENTAL ART** – Mistakes can often be turned into beautiful art – come make your own accidental artwork! Grades 1-5. For typical peers and students with special needs with a caregiver; siblings welcome. Registration begins April 13.

**Monday, April 20 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTORS’ INTEREST GROUP: RETIREMENT INVESTMENT STRATEGIES** – In this workshop, we will discuss the four critical areas of concern when managing your retirement investments. A workbook is provided for evaluating your own personal retirement situation. Please register.

**Tuesday, April 21 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: SUCCESS WITH LINKEDIN GROUPS** – Learn techniques to better utilize LinkedIn group members to help you meet people who can assist your search.

**Tuesday, April 21 (10-11:30 a.m.) PINTEREST BASICS** – This lecture-based session is focused on the basics of using Pinterest followed by an open lab.

**Tuesday, April 21 (7-8:30 p.m.) THE SIX ELEMENTS OF REAL WEALTH** – Life coach Joan Washburn will help you discover the keys to harmony and joy if you’re dreaming of a life beyond just a career. Please register.

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

National Library Week

Unlimited possibilities await you at Porter Library during National Library Week, April 12-18! From programs for all ages and interests, to giveaways and a swag bag raffle, the library is celebrating the importance of libraries to their communities and the nation.

Following are details about the programs offered during this celebratory week:

**Sunday, April 12 (1:30-3 p.m. AND 3:30-4:45 p.m.) DROP EVERYTHING AND READ DAY: BOOK JEOPARDY** – Celebrate Drop Everything and Read Day with a game of Book Jeopardy! Not interested in playing? Browse our book swap. Bring in your old books to trade for some of ours! Registration required for Jeopardy game.

**Sunday April 12 (2-4 p.m.) CHESS CLUB** – Hone your chess skills or learn how to play the game. Recommended for kids ages 8+, but all ages are welcome to attend.

**Sunday, April 12 (2-4 p.m.) WESTLAKE READS** – Join us for an afternoon of games, crafts and special activities as we celebrate the thrill of reading. This event is for all ages. No registration required.

**Monday, April 13 (2-3 p.m.) ACTIVE MINDS** – Memory is not a finite resource. This class will show you how to improve your recall before it fades with techniques like repetition, association and visualization. The video portion will be followed by practice games. Please register.

**Monday, April 13 (3:45-5:30 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE** – Need a place to hang out after school? Stop in on Monday afternoons! We’ve got computers, games, snacks and more! Grades 7-12.

**Tuesday, April 14 (7-8:30 p.m.) DIGGING WITH DEAN’S** – Dean’s Greenhouse will provide you with important information about vegetable gardening to get you started on growing healthy, tasty vegetables for you and your family in 2015. Please register.

**Tuesday, April 14 (7-8 p.m.) STATE OF THE LIBRARY** – Join Library Director Andrew Mangels for the 2014 Annual Report and a look at what’s ahead for 2015.

**Tuesday, April 14 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** – In April we’ll discuss “Boy, Snow, Bird” by Helen Oyeyemi.

**Wednesday, April 15 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKER CLUB: HOW TO DIGITIZE YOUR RECORDS AND CASSETTES** – Join us for a demonstration on how to digitize your records and cassettes using modern software, and learn exactly how you can do it at home! Please register.

**Thursday, April 16 (12-1:30 p.m.) SMALL BUSINES\$ LUNCH & LEARN** – Learn the legal issues concerning the hiring of employees, some of the best ways to train them and how to bring out their maximum productivity. Bring your lunch; coffee provided. Please register.

**Thursdays, April 16 and 23 (4-5 p.m.) MAGIC TREE HOUSE BOOK CLUB** – Do you already love the Magic Tree House Adventures or are you curious to find out what the fuss is all about? Join us for one of the Magic Tree House books, discussion and craft related to the book. Grades K-2. No registration required.

**Friday, April 17 (10-10:45 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME!** – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys. Teaches sharing and socialization. For children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome!

Registration begins April 10.

**Saturday, April 18 (9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) SECURE PAPER SHREDDING** – All Ohio Secure Shred will confidentially and permanently destroy two boxes of your personal documents. Located in the library parking lot.

**Saturday, April 18 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME** – Join us for a 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, April 18 (11 a.m.-noon) THE POP TARTS** – Hey, kids! Get ready to Twist, Jerk and Swim! Slip on your go-go boots and head on back to the ‘60s for some groovy retro entertainment. For all ages. Free tickets will be available in Youth Services starting April 11 and are limited to six per adult.

**Saturday, April 18 (2-3 p.m.) JUNIOR BRICK BUILDERS!** – Let’s build with Duplos! Bring your imagination and we’ll provide the bricks. Ages 3-6.

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



# Run Emily’s Run, then eat pancakes at Westlake Kiwanis breakfast

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis will hold their spring pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 19, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Westlake High School cafeteria, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

Breakfast includes all the pancakes you can eat! Plus sausage, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$6. Children six and under eat for free. The breakfast will be held in conjunction with Emily’s Run benefitting Emily’s Rainbow Fund for pediatric cancer research at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital. Tickets for those participating in the run, their family and volunteers will be \$5.

Corporate sponsorships are available for \$50. The sponsor receives 10 tickets for the breakfast and will have their business advertised in a slide show during the breakfast. For a corporate sponsorship please contact Norm Resko at 440-829-5871.

The rest of the proceeds will go to promote various causes throughout the Westlake community such as holiday food baskets for the disadvantaged, student scholarships, Westlake Relays, “Salute to Excellence” – a student recognition program for community service, the Westlake High School Key Club, Builders Club, and Relay for Life. ●

## Join in the Westlake Memorial Day Parade

The Westlake Kiwanis are looking for clubs and groups to march in the Memorial Day parade on May 25. The parade starts at 10 a.m. To sign up or for more information, contact Russ Milan at 440-777-2720 or lr24498@aol.com, or Rick Grane at 440-829-0974 or rickgrane@aol.com. ●



Kiwanis Aktion Club members hand out fruit and water to runners of last year’s Emily’s Rainbow Run.



Shamus Cusik flips the flapjacks at last year’s Westlake Kiwanis breakfast.

PHOTO BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI

# Bay Village law director Ebert speaks to Bay Kiwanis

by JIM POTTER

Bay Village Law Director Gary Ebert spoke to the Bay Village Kiwanis Club at their recent meeting about his 30 years experience as city law director. He discussed the Amy Mihaljevic abduction, the purchase of the Walker Road soccer fields, the early retirement of Mayor Jim Cowles and the reduction of train traffic through the city. His comments included a number of subjects related to the city’s history. Prior to serving as law director of Bay Village, he served as a city councilman. ●



Kiwanis Club President Kelly Applegate Baon and Bay Village Law Director Gary Ebert

PHOTO BY JIM POTTER

## 30th annual Green & White Revue



Dover Intermediate School fifth-graders Haylee and Sydney Scaggs perform a vocal duet during the 30th annual Green & White Revue on March 21 at the Performing Arts Center. The annual show featured 37 acts showcasing the talents of Westlake City School students.

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# Looking forward to spring with Sea Scout Ship 41

by ZAK HAMIL

I joined Sea Scouts in the middle of summer after I started classes with Spirit of America. In that program we learned how to drive all types of boats and earned our Ohio State boating license at the end of the class. Every Tuesday during the summertime, weather permitting, from 7-8 p.m. the Sea Scouts go down to Bay Boat Club where we sail Lasers for an hour.

I enjoy doing this because we have to put all the parts onto the boats and sail off on our own. Some of the days that we are down boating we will pull out the motorboat and go tubing for the evening. During the fall we had an opportunity to try water skiing

for a day. I enjoyed going skiing because it was a cool chance to do something that you usually never get to do in your life.

In my time with the ship we have done many STEM projects. We built a boat made out of plastic recycled material for the Lake Erie Boat Float and then raced it at Edgewater Park. Another project that we did was to design our own life jacket after understanding all about buoyancy. It worked very well.

Please join us at our informational meeting at Bay Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. Sea Scouting is a fun, co-educational program open to eighth-grade youth and above. For additional information, contact skipper@seascoutship41.org. ●



Sea Scouts from Ship 41 tubing on Lake Erie, from left, Derek Reid, guest, Zak Hamil and guest.

## Bay Village Recreation Summer Preview

It has been a long winter, but warm weather will soon be here! Register now for summer programs. You can enroll in our programs online at [www.cityofbayvillage.com](http://www.cityofbayvillage.com). Click on "Parks and Recreation" to get all of the information you need. Registration is also available in person at the Recreation Department office, 400 Bryson Lane. Please call 440-871-6755 with any questions.

Check out some of our upcoming programs and registration deadlines:

**BAY VILLAGE AQUATIC CENTER SUMMER POOL MEMBERSHIPS**

Early Bird Specials end May 13. Register in person at the Bay Village Recreation office – two proofs of residency required.

**LEARN TO SWIM**

American Red Cross affiliated. Registration opens May 13 for the first and second sessions. Classes are available weekday mornings, evenings and weekends beginning June 15. Multiple skill levels are available, including Parent & Tot classes. Please see website or call the Rec Department for specific class information.

**BAY VILLAGE RECREATION SWIM TEAM**

For Bay residents only. Registration deadline is April 17. Come join the Bay Village Swim Team! This program has over 150 swimmers and is designed for those

interested in developing aquatic and teamwork skills. Your child will have the opportunity to compete with surrounding communities and gain competitive swimming experience! Ages: 5-18 years old (must be 5 by June 1). Must be able to swim a 25-meter lap. Dates: June 8-July 25. Email: [bayvillagerecreationswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:bayvillagerecreationswimteam@gmail.com).

**MANDATORY SWIM TEAM MEETING**

Parent and participant informational meeting, Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m., Bay Middle School Gym.

**WATER AEROBICS (Adult/Senior)**

A great workout that is easy on the body, all skill levels welcomed. Saturdays, June 13-Aug. 22, 9-9:45 a.m. Dates subject to change.

**DIVING CLINIC**

For Bay residents only. Learn the basics of diving through simple and fun drills. Improve your technique and coordination. No diving experience is needed! Mondays and Fridays at the Aquatic Center. Session I: June 8-19; Session II: July 6-17; Session III: July 20-31.

Many more program offerings for the summer are available, including: baseball for 3-6 year olds, tennis for youth and adults, volleyball, 3x3 youth basketball, lacrosse and track & field. Visit [www.cityofbayvillage.com](http://www.cityofbayvillage.com) for all the details! ●

## Gardens at Westlake ready for Indians Opening Day



Team mascot Slider has some fun with fans at Gardens at Westlake.

by LAURA STUMP

Indians fever was in the air on March 30 at Gardens at Westlake as team mascot, Slider, entertained a crowd that included baseball fans of all ages. Recreating the fun and excitement of a ballpark, people were treated to hot dogs, nachos, pretzels and popcorn, all served from actual vendor carts. With everyone decked out in Indians gear, it really felt like walking into Progressive Field.

After Slider danced, goofed and posed for photos, Plain Dealer sports writer Bill Livingston shared his

insights on the state of baseball and spoke from the heart about his love of the sport. He fielded many questions from the crowd and there was much reminiscing about the glory days here in Cleveland with players such as Bob Feller.

Executive Director Rosey Cichon commented, "Our residents love watching the Indians and we wanted to plan something to get everyone psyched for the season. Once we had Slider and Bill Livingston coming, we decided to go all out with the baseball theme and food. We already have residents asking to do the same thing next year!" ●

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References provided upon request.

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### JOIN THE PARADE!

Westlake Kiwanis invites clubs  
and groups to march in the  
Memorial Day parade  
on Monday, May 25.  
The parade starts at 10 a.m.

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BAY VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

# Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

We have some great programs coming up this month including a preview of the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award winners of 2015. Established in 1935 by Edith Anisfield Wolf, the awards recognize books that have made contributions to our understanding of diversity and racism. Please join us as Karen Long, manager of the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards, talks about the newly announced 2015 winners at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15.

CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT

**Storytimes:** Caregivers and their children are invited to enjoy rhymes, songs, finger-plays, books and stories together. No registration is required.

- **Mondays, April 13 and 20 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesdays, April 14 and 21 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesdays, April 14 and 21 (1:30 p.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten).
- **Wednesdays, April 8 and 15 (9:30 a.m.) BABY & ME STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages birth to 18 months.
- **Thursdays, April 9 and 16 (11 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten).
- **Thursdays, April 9 and 16 (7 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – For children of all ages with a caregiver.
- **Fridays, April 10 and 17 (9:30 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – For children of all ages and a caregiver.

**Saturday, April 11 (11 a.m.) SENSORY 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 socialization time following the program.

**Thursday, April 16 (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..

TEEN DEPARTMENT

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (3:15 p.m.) TEEN ZONE** – Video games,

challenges, art and more! Join us for something fun to do after school most every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday! Check with the library for details. Parents need to sign one permission form, good for all of the fall programs. Programs provided courtesy of the Friends of the Bay Village Branch.

**Wednesday, April 15 (3:15 p.m.) ROUND TABLE: SPRING** – Join other teens at the Round Table and do what Teens at Bay Library Enjoy, whether it be projects that serve the community, help the library or sometimes just hang out and have fun together.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

**Wednesday, April 8 (7 p.m.) TERRY PLUTO: GLORY DAYS IN TRIBE TOWN** – Just in time for opening day! Join us as Terry Pluto talks baseball and presents his book co-written with Tom Hamilton, “Glory Days in Tribe Town.” A book sale and signing will follow the presentation.

**Tuesday, April 14 (10 a.m.) RUSSIAN FOLK MUSIC: BALALAIKA VIRTUOSO** – Join us for a fun-filled and fascinating program of Russian music and anecdote. Oleg Kruglyakov will play classical music as well as folk using a balalaika, a Russian 3-stringed triangular instrument. Presented in collaboration with Dwyer Memorial Senior Center.

**Wednesday, April 15 (7 p.m.) ANISFIELD BOOKS AWARDS: A PREVIEW** – Join Karen Long, manager of the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards as she presents the newly announced award-winning books. The history of the awards, held in Cleveland each year, will also be presented as well as the process of selection by the renowned panel of judges.

**Thursday, April 16 (7 p.m.) MASTER GARDENERS: SMART SOLUTIONS FOR SHADE GARDENING** – Join the Master Gardeners as they present how to create a beautiful garden in moist or dry shade.

**Monday, April 20 (7 p.m.) HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE** – Celebrate Money Smart Week (April 18-25). Join us for a fascinating look at money as the history, development and activities of the Federal Reserve are shared.

**Tuesday, April 21 (7 p.m.) FULL CIRCLE: THE CLEVELAND WOMEN** – Join Katherine Kohl for an interesting look at the lives of women involved in making history in the Cleveland area as well as in our nation..

Please register to attend the programs online at [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org), call us at 440-871-6392, or stop in to the library at 502 Cahoon Road and register with a librarian. ●

FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

# Applying to College

by RJ JOHNSON

My daughter shook her head in disbelief when I told her that I only applied to two colleges my senior year of high school. “Nobody does that,” she explained. “A lot of people apply to at least 10.”

She was right. I read that one ambitious student applied to 86. The thought never crossed my mind that either school to which I applied might not accept me. In my high-school-senior mind, they would be lucky if I accepted them. Much has changed in the last quarter century. Mobile phones aren't a symbol of vast wealth, and many high school seniors are filled with anxiety about getting into a good college.

It has been challenging helping our daughter decide to which colleges she should apply. There several statistics to consider. You need to consider how competitive the school is. What score did the average student they accepted have on the ACT?

The average debt of students graduating is also an important statistic. Who wants to put off purchasing their first moped for six years while they pay down their student loans? Both of those statistics were readily available when I applied to college.

There are several new measures available to consider. The percentage of students graduating in four years, which has an inverse relationship to the average debt of graduating students, is important. The longer it takes to graduate, the longer it will be before you can be cruising down Main Street on that new moped.

Another statistic we did not have available was the student life satisfaction ranking. I was surprised to discover that my undergraduate college was very close to the bottom in that ranking. It's probably best that none of us knew this rank. If we had known how miserable we all were, we probably would have transferred or dropped out. The truth is I enjoyed college. So did most of my friends. Perhaps I did not know all of the truly miserable people.

As I was pondering this, a terrifying thought crossed my mind. What is the correlation between the student life satisfaction ranking and the four-year graduation rate? If the school has a very high satisfaction rate, who will want to graduate? If everyone is so happy, they may never leave. I don't want a bumper sticker that reads, “My child and my Social Security check go to Satisfied State University.”

As images of hoards of very satisfied 50-year-old students sporting their school colors outside the football stadium filled my head, I checked the relationship between the two rankings. Fortunately, it appears that satisfied students are just as likely to graduate in four years.

Apparently satisfaction with our present circumstances does not keep us from moving forward. Although I was not miserable in college, I knew there would be something better after graduation. The vision of a better future motivates us to make progress. We do not have to create dissatisfaction to get people to embrace change. They simply have to believe something better lies ahead. ●

ONE SENIOR’S OPINION

# Waiting for spring

by DIANNE BOROWSKI

I don't quite believe that spring has arrived. The calendar says it's spring and the cycles of the moon testify to the fact that spring is here. Daylight savings time also reminds us of spring, but where is it? The ice on Lake Erie is melting which means the weather is warming a bit.

Unfortunately, the gray days and off-again, on-again cold temperatures and chilly wind just don't seem like spring. Perhaps Easter will bring with it spring weather which will stay around around until summer. All I'm

asking for is flowers blooming, warm spring rain, and more sunny days.

Spring always has the ability to lift my spirits and that's why I'm complaining. I realize all the complaining, wishing and wondering when spring will arrive to stay won't make it happen. I guess I'll have to accept the fact that I can't control the weather.

If I wait long enough spring will show up, even it happens sometime in June. For now I'll try to be patient and wait it out. Do I have any other choice? After all, it's Cleveland, my hometown, and I love it. ●

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## BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Snippets of Bay Village History: The beginnings of the Bay United Methodist Church

by KAY LAUGHLIN

Which came first: the settler or the church? One wonders about this considering that the birth of the United Methodist Church in Bay Village is so intertwined with the coming of the first settlers. Names such as Saddler, Osborn, Foote, Aldrich, Drake, Cahoon, Wolf, and Tuttle are on the church roll.

After the War of 1812, William Saddler traveled through Dover Township in Connecticut's Western Reserve on his way home to Clarence Station, New York. He fell in love with the country and purchased parts of Lots #92 and #98 along the Lake Erie shoreline from the Connecticut Land Company. He arrived in Dover with his father, Christopher, in 1814, to clear the land, and built a log cabin where Saddler Road is today. In 1815, William returned with his wife, Elizabeth Troyan Saddler, and daughter, Sophia.

The Saddler family history tells us the Saddlers were the first Methodist family along the lake shore. William's wife, Elizabeth, along with four other faithful families were instrumental in establishing, in 1827, a church of her denomination. "Ye that stand in the house of the Lord" is a hymn from the Methodist hymnal.

Elizabeth gave a building site and most of the materials for the construction of a little church on her property. William arranged to have a raising bee for the log cabin church, built of black walnut trees cut from the premises. The new church was located on the southwest corner of Bassett and Lake roads.

Eliphalet Johnson, the brother of Rebecca Johnson Porter and Sarah Johnson Osborn, became the church pastor. Eliphalet and his wife, Margaret, daughter Rebecca, niece Mrs. Catherine Porter Foote, and Mrs. Elizabeth Troyan Saddler were charter members. Reverend Johnson stayed for 15 years at the Dover Lake Shore Methodist Church.

In the 1840s, a frame church was erected on the site by Alvah McKinley. Seventeen members contributed to the cost of the church. The lectern and a secretary from this church are in the meditation room and parlor of the present church. Although the names have changed, this friendly church still thrives. The original members' names became the names we see on our streets today. ●

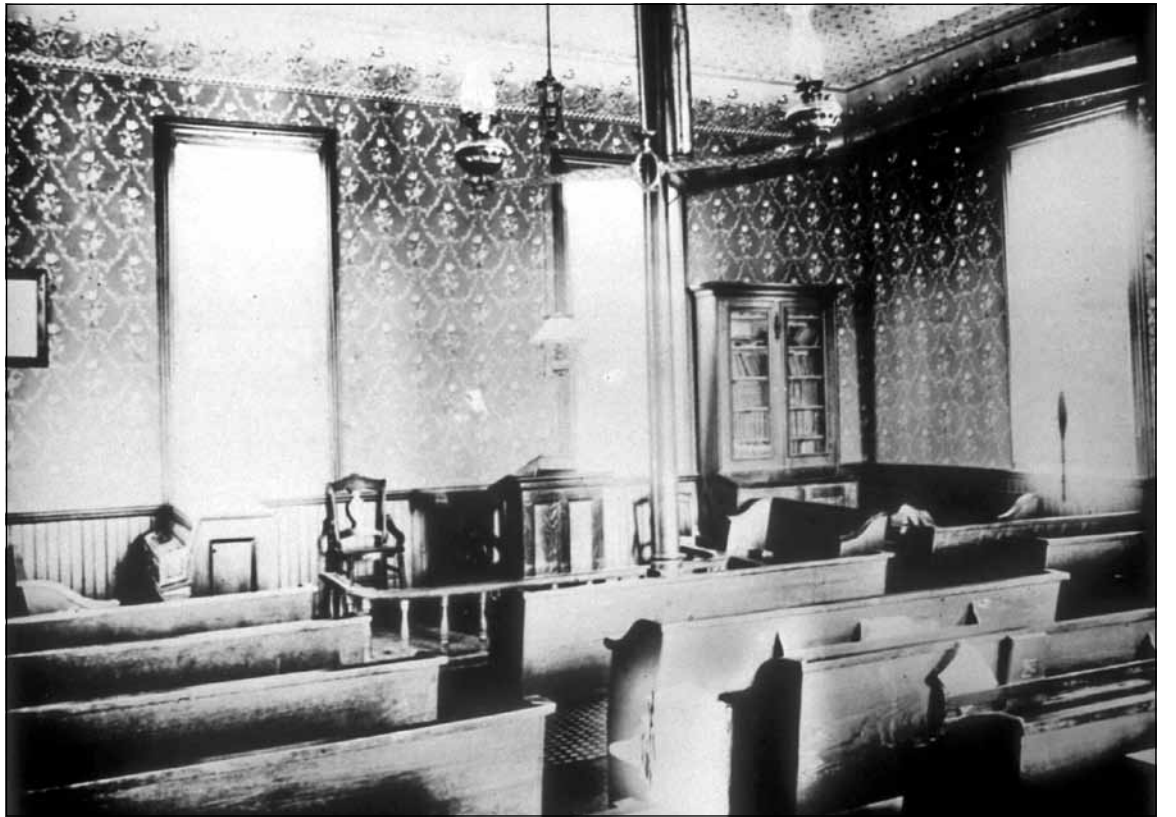


**William and Elizabeth Troyan Saddler donated the land and materials for the United Methodist Church in 1827.**



The frame, clapboard church was built on the Saddler property in the 1840s.

FLORIAN COOK TEST BAI VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The lectern and secretary from the original church remain in the church parlor and meditation room today.

## Bay Days fireworks fund kicks off fundraiser

by ERIC EAKIN

The Bay Days fireworks fund committee continues to seek funding for the city's Fourth of July display. The cost of the annual fireworks display is \$11,000.

In addition to sponsorships from Sunnyside Automotive Group and the Westlake | Bay Village Observer, the committee will offer raffle tickets for one-of-a-kind prizes.

Freedom Boat Club will once again offer a one-year membership in the club, a prize valued at \$8,000. The winner raffle ticketholder will have unlimited use of a fleet of boats at all club locations, which includes the Rocky River, Port Clinton and Catawba. The membership also includes reciprocal use of boats at any of the club's 75 other locations nationwide. The club takes care of all maintenance costs, except fuel.

The committee is seeking donors for a second raffle prize.

Raffle tickets cost \$25 each, or five for \$100, and may be purchased using the form below.

Limited-edition Bay Village T-shirts are available at city hall, with all proceeds benefitting the fireworks fund.

Tax-deductible donations can also be made through the Bay Village Founda-

tion website, [thebayvillagefoundation.org/donate-today](http://thebayvillagefoundation.org/donate-today).

For more information, contact committee chairperson Eric Eakin at 216-386-5997 or [ericjeakin@gmail.com](mailto:ericjeakin@gmail.com). 

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# Connecting the family dots

by JOYCE ABLE SCHROTH

It's the element of surprise, of discovery and a connection to family that makes family history so very exciting. With the accessibility of phones, tablets and helpful apps being developed constantly, family history work is easier than ever before and is available to people of all ages.

One might be surprised who they can find on the family tree in just 10 minutes using their mobile devices – it's now a community of sharable information.

Think what one might find in that 10 minutes waiting for a game to start or a doctor appointment. Family members of all ages can build bridges between the past and the future. Teenagers are especially encouraged to use their tech skills in finding branches on their family tree.

For everyone it is the puzzle of connecting the dots we learned in our youth that now generates such an interest in establishing a who's who of our family. The popular TV show "Who Do You Think You Are?" illustrates the thrill everyone can experience by engaging in family history. Think about it: if you don't do it, who will?

To get started, to tweak information you already have, or to expand the horizons for multiple past generations, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints invites you to their 12th Annual Family History Conference, "Researching Off the Beaten Path, Finding Little

Used Resources" on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 8:30 a.m., 25000 Westwood Road, Westlake. Offered without cost, registration is requested at Program-FHC@gmail.com or by calling 440-777-1518. A syllabus is available for \$5 if registration is completed soon.

Nine sessions will be presented by experienced family historians and include research in libraries, public archives, township records, state census and grave sites. A special session utilizing FamilySearch with sub-sessions on the family tree, adding photos, documents, stories and the use of Wiki is also offered.

FamilySearch is the largest genealogical organization in the world. Together with its partners it represents over 10 billion accessible records. Dennis C. Brimhall, CEO of FamilySearch International, says, "Each of our partners hold a piece of a puzzle that will ultimately give a more complete picture. Today, more than ever, we have a huge variety of tools from which to choose to get the most done in our family history research."

There are 4,600 local Family History Centers of the church in 126 countries where access to records and research is provided. The Westlake church is one of those sites and there is never a charge for assistance. Staffed by seasoned volunteers, the Center is open throughout the year Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday evenings, 6-9 p.m. ●

# Tri-C student from Westlake named to All-Ohio Academic Team

by JOHN HORTON

Aswin Bikkani of Westlake was one of seven students from Cuyahoga Community College named to the All-Ohio Community College Academic Team, which comprises top students at the state's two-year schools.

The All-Ohio Academic Team recognizes student excellence in academics, leadership and community service. Fifty-three students from across the state were selected for this year's team on the basis of their outstanding records. Tri-C had more students named All-Ohio than any other school.

"The All-Ohio results are indicative of Tri-C's focus on academic excellence and the caliber of students that walk through our doors," said Craig Foltin, the College's interim executive vice president of academic and learning success.

Bikkani, who received third-team honors, participated in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program at Tri-C's Westshore Campus and received both his Associate of Arts and Associate of Science in December — six months prior to his graduation from Westlake High School.

He serves as president of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society chapter at Westshore Campus, is the captain of the WHS speech and debate team and has twice been a U.S. Chemistry Olympiad National Semifinalist. He is also an Eagle Scout, a tutor and hospital volunteer.

In the fall, Bikkani plans to attend a four-year college to pursue a career as a physician. ●



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# The death of a president: April 14, 1865

by MEL MAURER

April 14 marks the 150th anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln was the first US president – but sadly not the last – to be assassinated and, much like later assassinations, controversy remains as to what really happened in the killing of arguably our greatest president.

The closest Lincoln ever came to Westlake or Bay

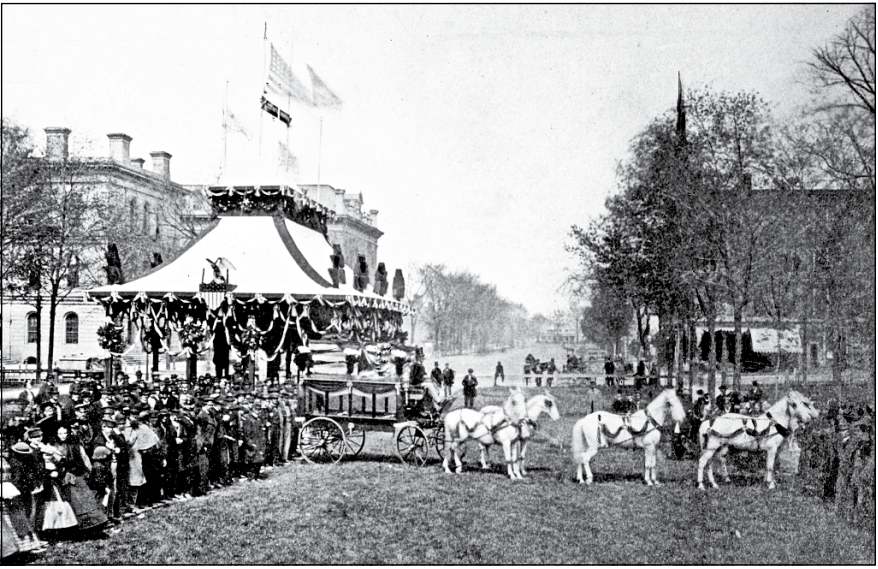
Village, unless he passed this way on a train, was a night he spent in the Weddell House Hotel (where the Rockefeller Building is now), just off Public Square on Feb. 15, 1861, as he stopped in Cleveland on his way to his inauguration as president.



Tens of thousands of mourners stream past the catafalque support structure housing President Abraham Lincoln's coffin on Public Square.

His funeral train, carrying his body back to Springfield for burial, also stopped in Cleveland, on April 28, 1865. His body was presented on Public Square where an estimated 10,000 people per hour passed by his coffin all day.

Just two days before that, his assassin, John Wilkes Booth, was shot and killed during his capture. I was taught in my early school years that Lincoln was killed by a crazy actor but there is much more to the story than that. Booth did not act on the spur of the moment, nor did he act alone. There are also conflicting opinions as to the



The body of President Abraham Lincoln is carried on a horse-drawn carriage to Public Square on April 28, 1865.

extent of the involvement of the Confederate government in Booth's actions.

I've studied all aspects of Lincoln's life and death for years. No one's death altered the course of our country's history more than his – postponing the healing of our nation, full citizenship for African Americans and civil rights for decades. The story of Lincoln's assassination reads like fiction but it's all too real.

I'll be telling the full story of what really happened in a talk on Thursday, April 9, 7 p.m., at Westlake Porter Public Library, using slides to show who was involved and the places where the events took place. The presentation is free and open to the public. ●

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Date and time to be announced. This class will be held at the Bay Village Community Pool. Students will learn to properly fit and use personal flotation devices (PFD), upright and overturn sailboat, and learn other water safety skills.

**ON-THE-WATER CLASSES**  
The on-the-water classes will be held on Mondays, June 15, 22 and 29, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Whiskey Island Marina near Edgewater Park.

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Application available at [www.spiritofamerica95.org/cuyahoga](http://www.spiritofamerica95.org/cuyahoga) or email [cuyahoga@spiritofamerica95.org](mailto:cuyahoga@spiritofamerica95.org). **Deadline April 24.**

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## WHO ARE THE BAY SEA SCOUTS AND WHAT ARE WE ALL ABOUT ?

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**Join us for an informational meeting at Bay Presbyterian Church, corner of Lake and Columbia roads, on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. to learn more. Parents are welcome.**  
**For details contact: [skipper@seascoutship41.org](mailto:skipper@seascoutship41.org)**



# Landscapes highlighted in April gallery exhibitions at BAYarts

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

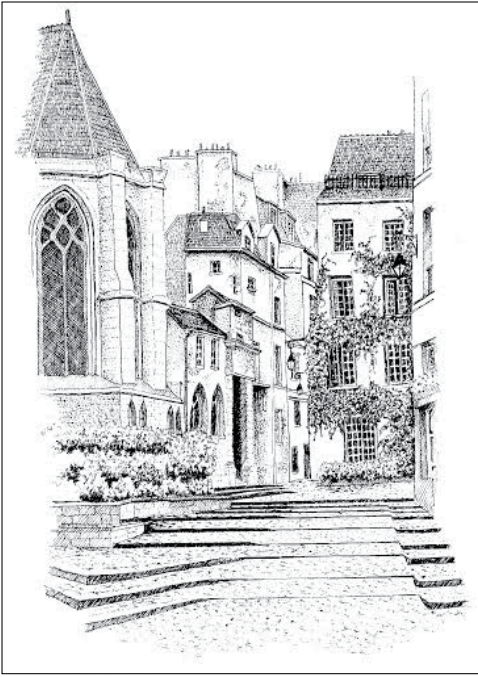
BAYarts is hosting two gallery shows this April that heavily feature inspiring landscapes.

In the Diane Boldman Education Gallery, the art of Marge Gulley and Bernie D’Ettorre are featured for “April in Paris.” This show has a heavy focus on key places of Paris that both women have connected with. “From the king’s crypts deep under Cathedrale de Saint Denis to the heights of the Tour Eiffel, I found every section a never ending supply of visual material for drawing,” Gulley said.

In the Sullivan Family Gal-

lery this April, the Rob Roth exhibition, “High Tide,” offers atmospheric art landscapes. Roth’s approach was developed in a unique, personal way. “My landscapes are built through abstraction, composing them with a break up of a low horizon line juxtaposed against the reflection and movement of the open sky,” Roth said. “I try to treat them almost as an intimate still life bringing the viewer to eye level as if it were set on a stage.”

The opening receptions for both shows that run concurrently are Friday, April 10, from 7-9 p.m. The exhibitions will be on display through April 25. ●



“Place St. Gervais” by Marge Gulley



“Landscape #301” by Rob Roth

## New creative insight class at BAYarts

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

BAYarts is now offering the Creative Insight Class with Christina Evans. The class originated from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and runs for eight weeks. It is meant to be a transformational class for personal development.

Evans believes the class can be beneficial to anyone. “Everyone has creativity in their soul, whether it is creative problem solving in a career, or creative problem solving when creating a beautiful piece of art. This class is about finding your unique creative process, paying attention to it, quieting your inner critic, and harnessing the power of it to use in all aspects of your life.”

During the course, four “tools for living a creative life” are taught. “We apply the tools to the challenges that most of us most face in everyday life, such as time, stress, relationships and purpose.”

For those interested, details can be found on bayarts.net. The class fee is \$275 and runs April 15-June 3. ●

## March madness hits the Westlake Rec

by JIM DISPIRITO

March Madness invaded the Westlake Recreation Center. Last month more than 120 teams in grades 3-8 participated in this annual event. Teams from all over the area came to showcase their talents on the hardwood court.

Teams with creative names such as the Peanut Butter Cups, the Fluffy Pink Unicorns, the 6’5” and Not Talented, the Dunkin Demons and the Narwhales all came to play. The tournament was held over two days and 14 hours of basketball produced several overtime games as well as sudden-death finishes. In the end, three boys teams and three girls teams walked away with T-shirts and bragging rights for the year.

This year’s girls winners were: 3rd/4th Grade – Bulldogs; 5th/6th Grade – Cats; and 7th/8th Grade – The Charge. This year’s boys winners were: 3rd/4th Grade – Dunkin Demons; 5th/6th Grade – Hawkeyes; and 7th/8th Grade – Devin Thinks He Can Dribble.

Congratulations to all! ●



Team Dunkin Demons won the 3rd/4th-grade boys division in Westlake’s youth basketball tournament. See more photos of the winning teams at wbvobserver.com.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**Wednesday, April 8, 10 a.m.**  
**Herb Guild Garden Club Meeting**

The meeting will feature John Burmeister, owner of Valley City Fungi. He will speak on growing your own gourmet mushrooms. The meeting portion will start at 10 a.m. Mr. Burmeister will give his presentation at 12:30. Valley City Fungi is a small family-owned farm that specializes in growing organic mushrooms and supplies their product to local farmers’ markets and area restaurants. New members and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 440-652-6890 or visit [theherbguild.org](http://theherbguild.org).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, April 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Stay Safe in the Digital World**

This month Northeast Ohio Personal Computers welcomes Tak and Mely Sato to explain good habits that help you stay safe in the digital world. As a speaker and author of “The Digital World” column in the Observer, Tak demystifies technology for his audience.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, April 8, 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**The Art of Communication**

College Club West will continue its monthly gathering with Arlene Strauch, a licensed professional counselor, who will present a program on the art of communication. Take some time for this learning opportunity and also meet club members in a relaxed social setting. Club membership is open to women who have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited degree granting college. New members are welcome. For more information, visit [www.collegeclubwest.org](http://www.collegeclubwest.org).  
*Rocky River Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.*

**Thursday, April 9, 1-2 p.m.**  
**Brain Brown Bag Lunch Series:**

Join us for a free video and conversation hour on topics of the human mind. This hour’s topic is “The Social Brain.”  
*Tri-C Westshore Campus, 31001 Clemens Rd., Room 112, Westlake*

**Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m.-noon**  
**Christian Thinking Seminar**

This “Introduction to Christian Thinking” will explore what Christians are up against when it comes to the life of the mind, why truth is true for all people, and how we can know what we believe is actually true. For more information please contact Steve Strong at 440-333-4515, [office@gbcwestlake.org](mailto:office@gbcwestlake.org) or see the calendar at [gbcwestlake.org](http://gbcwestlake.org).  
*Grace Baptist Church, 23096 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

**Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**Habitat for Humanity Donation Drop-off**

Donate your usable furniture, building materials, fixtures, tools and yard items! If you have large items, you can also arrange for home pick up by contacting Habitat directly at 216-429-3631.  
*Bay Village Police Station Parking Lot, 28000 Wolf Rd.*

**Saturday, April 11, noon**  
**Fitness for Summer**

The public, both men and women, are invited to a program hosted by the Bay Village Women’s Club to learn about local options for improving their health through exercise. Presentations will be by Noah Rayne, certified personal trainer, and Joan Kemper, certified water and yoga instructor.  
*Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.*

**April 13-18, see hours below**  
**Westlake Computer Round-Up**

Drop off your unwanted CPUs, monitors, peripherals, printers, software, inkjet cartridges, cell phones and accessories. Hours: April 13-17, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; April 18, 7:30 a.m.-noon. This service is for Westlake residents only (no businesses, churches or schools). For more information, call the Service Center at 440-835-6432.  
*Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Rd.*

**Tuesday, April 14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
**Monthly meeting of Chapter 91 of the PERI**

Guest speaker will be Sherma Brown, of Humana Insurance Company. She is an account advisor for the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System. Her talk will focus on Humana health coverage, the current plan as well as anticipate changes in 2016.  
*Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Rd.*

**Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
**Survivorship Support Group for Those Touched by Cancer**

Monthly topic-related support group for those who have completed treatment. This month’s topic: Eating & Moving! Exercise & Nutrition Guidelines for Cancer Survivors. Advance registration required, 216-595-9546.  
*The Gathering Place, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake*

**Tuesday, April 14, 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Bay Sea Scout Open House**

Join us for an informational meeting about our co-ed boating program for 8th Grade and above.  
*Bay Presbyterian Church, 25415 Lake Rd.*

**Wednesday, April 15, 1 p.m.**  
**Monarch Butterflies**

Westlake Garden Club welcomes Joyce Roth, a master in environmental studies, gardening studies and landscape design.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, April 15, 6:30-8:45 p.m.**  
**Cuyahoga West Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS)**

Cuyahoga West, OGS will hold a “Genealogical Show and Tell Roundtable.” A good time to share your progress or brick walls with the group or to just listen and learn from others. Social time, for guests and members, is from 6:30-7 p.m. The public is invited, at no cost.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Thursday, April 16, noon-2 p.m.**  
**“Books That Made a Difference” Panel Discussion**

Join us during National Library Week for the “Books that Made a Difference” panel discussion. Students, faculty, and administrators will share books that made a real impact in their lives. Witness the value that the act of reading can add to one’s life. Food and drinks will be served. Free and open to the public. Visit [events.tri-c.edu](http://events.tri-c.edu) for details.  
*Tri-C Westshore Campus, 31001 Clemens Rd., Westlake*

**Thursday, April 16, 6 p.m.**  
**Westlake Schools’ Levy Information Night**

The Westlake City Schools Board of Education placed a 1-mill Permanent Improvement (PI) levy on the May 5 ballot to invest in the short- and long-term capital needs of the district. If you want to learn more or have questions about the issue, plan on attending one of the Levy Information Nights scheduled for March and April.  
*Bassett Elementary, 2155 Bassett Rd.*

**Friday, April 17, 11:30 a.m.**  
**It’s Not All About the Diagnosis**

Join Meghan Barlow, Ph.D., to discuss how to know if a behavior is caused by a formal diagnosis (ASD, ADHD, anxiety) or other causes. To register for the program and child care, visit [connectingforkids.org/events](http://connectingforkids.org/events).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m.**  
**Stepping Stones to Successful Writing**

Join Chris Chambers, MEd, OTR/L, for this interactive discussion about building fine motor control for your child to have successful writing skills. This session will target toddler through elementary school-aged children. To register for the program and child care, visit [connectingforkids.org/events](http://connectingforkids.org/events).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Sunday, April 19, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Westlake Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast**

All the pancakes you care to eat plus sausage, juice, coffee or milk. Cost \$6; children under 6 eat free. Proceeds benefit the Kiwanis-Westlake

Youth Foundation and are used mainly to support community needs in Westlake as well as the Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Club. Tickets available at the door.  
*Westlake High School Cafeteria, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.*

**Monday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.**  
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**Monday, April 20, 7 p.m.**  
**Home Improvement Workshop**

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*Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

**Monday, April 20, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**  
**Rocky River Chamber Music Society Concert**

The concert will feature Baldwin Wallace Conservatory’s production of concert selections from Mozart’s rarely heard madcap opera La Finta Giardiniera (The Pretend Garden Girl). There is no admission charge and all are welcome. For details call 440-333-4296 or visit [www.rrcms.org](http://www.rrcms.org).  
*West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River*

**Tuesday, April 21, 10 a.m.**  
**Clean Water, Fracking Discussion**

Dr. Kristin Vessey, the land use specialist for the Ohio League of Women Voters, will present an update on current clean water and fracking issues in Ohio. The public is invited to attend the event, sponsored by the Westlake/North Olmsted and Fairview Park Chapters of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland. For more information, contact Jean Seasholtz at 440-892-9171.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Update on Avon Lake Deer Culling**

Bay Village City Council’s Walker Road Park ad hoc committee will meet with their Avon Lake counterparts for an update on Avon Lake’s deer culling program. The meeting is open to the public.  
*Bay Village City Hall, 350 Dover Center Rd.*

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