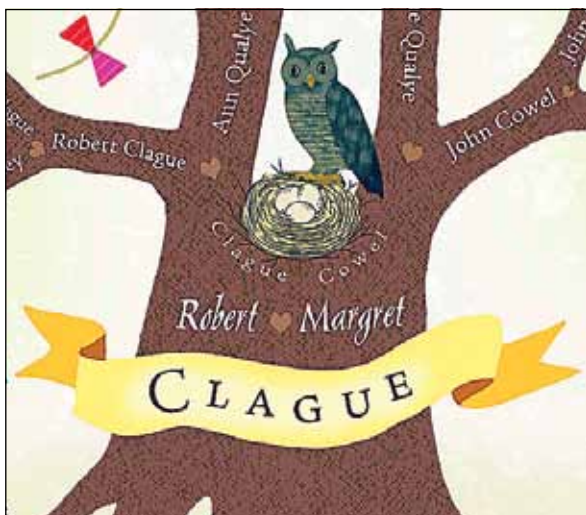


A tree for the Clague House

by JOYCE ABLE
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When the new Westlake Historical Society president, Lysa Stanton, walked into the Clague House five years ago she surveyed the many curated items in every room and on every wall. “Sophronia Clague covered the walls with photographs,” says Lysa, but there was one wall with a missing photo or painting.



The Clague family lineage was traced to the 1600s.

Lysa turned to her husband, Dave Pfister, and asked, “Who will be there?” She knew immediately it should not be one person but a collage of the Clagues – a family tree. After four years of searching herself, she enlisted the aid of “the sisters” as she calls them, actually family historians from the local Mormon Church.

In short order genealogists Sandy Gray and Betty Franklin together with Rocky River artist, illustrator and former greeting card designer, Val Lesiak, were on their way to what will be an incredible gift to the Westlake Historical society, the city

of Westlake and certainly descendents of the Clague family, including those spirits that apparently reside in the House.

The presentation of the Clague family tree will occur at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Westlake and their 12th Annual Family History Conference. An open invitation is extended to everyone who would enjoy seeing the culmination of months of family research with 113 names, 24 families and 222 events.

» See CLAGUE FAMILY page 3

Westlake Meals on Wheels celebrates 40 years of service

by WENDI SCHWARTZ

“Meals on Wheels” is a commonly used term for a variety of meal delivery programs nationwide. Although all such programs serve to address the epidemic of elderly malnutrition, each varies in the population served, types of meals provided, fees, delivery methods or sources of funding.

Westlake Meals on Wheels has been providing a vital service in the Westlake community since 1975 thanks to the generosity of a team of more than 60 weekly volunteers who prepare and deliver meals to those who find it difficult to shop for or prepare food on their own.

Funding for Westlake Meals on Wheels comes from generous personal and corporate donations that subsidize the reasonable fees assessed to recipients. Westlake Meals on Wheels

receives no federal, state or local government funding.

For less than the cost of fast food, home meal delivery can be arranged for Westlake residents affected by health or aging issues by calling 440-871-2551 from 8 a.m. to noon weekdays to set up an intake interview. Five-day-a-week meal delivery service provides both a hot meal and a cold meal in one delivery each day. Doctor’s orders for special meals can be accommodated through St. John Medical Center.

Westlake Meals on Wheels provides more than daily nutrition to those who are ill, elderly, disabled, homebound or convalescing. Daily contact by regular, committed volunteer drivers provides peace of mind to family members and loved ones. Our caring volunteers come to know what is normal for our recipients and concerns are reported to family members or listed contacts.

» See MEALS ON WHEELS page 2

Fitness equipment coming to Cahoon Park walking trail

by EILEEN VERNON

The Cahoon Park walking trail on the north side of Lake Road serves as a memorial to past and present Bay Village residents. Here along the shores of Lake Erie lies a beautiful place for an outing, a place to remember our loved ones memorialized on bronze

plaques, a quiet place to walk or meditate and, soon, to improve fitness of body and mind.

Last year, Bay Village residents Barry Tyo and Clete Miller proposed the idea of adding three outdoor fitness equipment stations along the Richard T. Martin Walking Trail in Cahoon Park.

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One of the three fitness stations soon to be installed along the Cahoon Park walking trail will feature equipment for chin-ups, push-ups and bench curls. As seen in this artist’s rendering, orientation of the equipment was designed to minimize obstruction of the lake view.

BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bay Village police chief to address unsolved Amy Mihaljevic case

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

A 25-year-old unsolved murder case will be the topic of discussion when Bay Village Police Chief Mark A. Spaetzel speaks at the May 21 Bay Village Historical Society potluck dinner program at the Bay Community House.

Amy Mihaljevic, a 10-year-old Bay Village elementary school student, was kidnapped from the Bay Square Shopping Center in October 1989. Her body was found dumped in a field in remote Ashland County in February 1990. Chief Spaetzel will talk about the progress his department and the FBI have made in solving the still-active



Bay Village Police Chief Mark Spaetzel

murder case.

The program begins with a meet-and-greet session at 6 p.m., followed by 6:30 p.m. dinner. The main course, a picnic meal of burgers and brats, will be provided by the historical society.

Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert for 10 people to share, and their own place setting.

The public is invited. Admission is free, but donations are accepted to help defray costs.

Contact Cathy Flament at 440-835-4472 or cbflament@sbcglobal.net if you plan to attend. The Bay Village Community House is at 303 Cahoon Road. ♦



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FITNESS *from front page*

The intended target audience is adults seeking to improve their fitness by engaging in activities like step-ups, seated dips and other strength-building exercises while enjoying our beautiful lakefront park.

The proposal was vetted by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Recreation and Parks Improvement Committee, both of which offered residents the chance to review and improve the plans. The Cahoon Park Trustees and City Council approved the project last November, pending receipt of private funding. The City of Bay Village will install the equipment and The Bay Village Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to preserving the quality of life in Bay Village, is the project's financial fiduciary.

One anonymous donor and two sponsors – Highland Consulting Associates and O'Neill Healthcare – stepped forward to fund the project even before the project committee initiated its formal search for philanthropic support. Councilman Tom Henderson, who chairs the Recreation and Parks Improvement Committee said, "Their generous support demonstrates a clear commitment towards the health and wellness of Bay Village residents."

The project champions recently launched a philanthropic development effort to secure a third and final sponsor. If you own or operate a business with employees or customers in Bay Village and would like to demonstrate your company's commitment to the well-being of our community, please contact Eileen Vernon, president of the Bay Village Foundation, at 440-835-2243.

The project committee hopes to have the fitness equipment installed this summer. To see a computer rendering with station sites and equipment diagrams, visit wbvobserver.com. ●

THE BAY VILLAGE FOUNDATION

It really does take a village

by EILEEN VERNON

We are all in this together. At first The Bay Village Foundation was serving the community by offering grants and scholarships. Now there is an additional new role to be played. That of a fiduciary.

For 20 years, The Bay Village Foundation (TBVF) has been raising capital to develop a fund that would allow annual distribution of the interest for projects that improve the community. Over the years, TBVF received proposals from Bay groups and distributed the interest earned on its capital for many projects.

TBVF also serves as fiduciary agent for several community projects, including the Skate Park Fund, the Fireworks Fund, the City Clock Fund, the Exercise Stations Fund and the Martin perpetual scholarship fund.

Contributions to each fund are carefully recorded and donors receive written receipts for tax purposes, freeing the many volunteers to work on fundraising without worry.

How did this get started? In 1995 there were two groups of volunteers raising funds for spe-

cific projects: the BayWay Cabin and Play in Bay. Both projects were built by a strong, vibrant, volunteer effort. It really did take Bay Village pulling together to get the sites up and running, both still in use 20 years later.

During the campaigns it became necessary to develop an account to hold the funds until enough was raised for the projects. It was then that Bay Village City Council president, T. Richard Martin, came up with the idea of starting a private fund within the city but kept separate from the city finances. After council approved it, Law Director Gary Ebert applied for and obtained the federal 501(c)(3) designation for charitable donations. First called The Future of Bay Village and now The Bay Village Foundation, the organization is celebrating its 20th year.

This community foundation of Bay exists to improve the quality of life in our beloved village. This is an excellent place for donors to bequeath funds that will continue working into the future.

Visit us on the web at thebayvillagefoundation.org or call 440-899-3479 for a brochure or information about estate planning. ●

MEALS ON WHEELS

from front page

Caring contact combined with daily nutrition equates to prolonged independence. Trends in improved life expectancy and growing nursing care costs have increased the population of Americans who are opting to live independently and remain in their own homes much later in life. Services such as Westlake Meals on Wheels facilitate greater quality of life during periods of limited independence.

If you would like to support or learn more about Westlake Meals on Wheels please visit westlakemealsonwheels.org or call 440-871-2551.

Volunteers are always needed to assist with meal preparation, baking or meal delivery. Currently we are seeking volunteer bakers and drivers.

Monetary donations can be made to recognize, memorialize or celebrate important people or events. All monetary donations are tax deductible and can be made by check or credit card via PayPal on our website.

Westlake Meals on Wheels is a preparation unit of West Shore Meals on Wheels, a registered IRS nonprofit 501(c)(3). West Shore Meals on Wheels kitchens also serve Fairview Park and Rocky River residents. ●

THE BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rose Hill Museum exhibit highlights 'Downton Abbey'

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

Rose Hill Museum has reopened for the season with the exhibit, "Downton Abbey: Part 1," based on the British period drama television series.

The current exhibit features accessories from the museum's permanent collection that might be featured on the show including hats, gloves, purses, shoes and jewelry.

Rose Hill Museum, located in Cahoon Memorial Park, is maintained by the Bay Village Historical Society and the Downton Abbey exhibit is curated by Museum Director Janet Zvara.

Admission is free. Museum hours are 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. Group tours are available by appointment. Phone 440-871-7338 for information. ●

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BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bay Village Century Homes: The Frank Sadler House, 317 Bassett Road

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

The Bay Village Historical Society is tentatively planning a tour of century homes on Bassett Road next fall. In preparation for the tour we are researching the history of the homes and hope to update the community with our findings from time to time here in the Westlake | Bay Village Observer.

The first home that we have researched is the Frank Sadler home at 317 Bassett Road. At one time it was the only home on the east side of Bassett in the area between Electric Boulevard and Lake Road. Frank Sadler was the son of William E. Sadler and Ann Eliza Lilly Sadler.

In 1876, William E. Sadler constructed a large Victorian home which still stands at 31065 Lake Road. William E. grew up in a Greek Revival home that his father William Sadler built that up until a few years ago stood at 29737 Lake Road, the southeast corner of Ruth and Lake roads.

The elder William Sadler was among the earliest settlers of Dover Township. After serving in the War of 1812, he arrived in Dover in 1815 with his wife, Elizabeth. She was one of the founding members of the Dover Lakeshore Methodist Episcopal Church which was the forerunner of the Bay United Methodist Church which stands today on the

southwest corner of Bassett and Lake roads.

At first the members worshipped in their homes or a cabin constructed from walnut logs cut from the Sadler woods. In 1840 it was Elizabeth who gave the land and much of the material to build the first frame church building at that location. That frame church was in use until 1907, right around the time that Elizabeth and William's grandson Frank built the house at 317 Bassett Road.

In 1899 Frank purchased five acres of land from his father that includes the land where 317 Bassett Road sits. The 1900 U.S. Census has Frank, his wife Carrie, and their four children residing in a rented home near his recently widowed mother. The 1910 U.S. Census has the family residing at #1 Bassett Road, which almost certainly is the current 317 Bassett Road. He is listed as a general farmer living in a home with a mortgage.

The county auditor gives the date of construction of 317 Bassett Road as 1909, though their dates of construction are not always accurate. We are confident that the home was constructed between 1900 and 1910 which qualifies it as a century home.

The 1920 U.S. Census has Frank and Carrie residing on Bassett Road with five of their children. He is still listed as a farmer. Son Charles, 27, is a salesman.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

The Frank Sadler House on Bassett Road, built between 1900 and 1910, is one of Bay Village's century homes.

Son Clarence, 23, is a clerk in a grocery store. Son Russ, 22, is a house painter. Daughter Florence, 19, is a stenographer at the electric company. The youngest son, William, 14, is still in school.

Frank died in 1929 and the house passed on to Carrie. In 1930 the U.S. Census says that the household consists of Carrie as the head, with Florence still

residing with her, and three lodgers. By this time Florence is a kindergarten teacher and one of the lodgers is a bank secretary with a young son. Carrie sold the home in 1937 and it has been bought and sold by four owners until it was purchased by the current owners in 1979.

Today, the home is owned by Jerry and Eileen Jarc. ●

Snippets of Bay Village History: The first mail carrier in West Dover

by KAY LAUGHLIN

Ernest Wuebker was born in 1884 and grew up near Akron. In 1897, at age 13, Ernie came to Dover Township to pick grapes for his Uncle Henry who lived in the old Heckerman house on the east side of Bradley Road, south of the tracks. Casper, Ernie's older brother, joined him and later purchased Uncle Henry's property. The next year, Casper invited Ernie and his mom to move to Dover. Across the street lived Gus Fortlage.

At that time, the acreage around the railroad crossing and Lear/Nagel Road was called West Dover. Shortly after Ernie arrived, the West Dover Post Office was moved from Dieterich's store north of the tracks on the east side of Bradley

Road (where Bay Commons is today) to the southwest side of the tracks in Gus Fortlage's place.

One day Gus stopped Ernie on his way up Bradley Road and told him he, Gus, had received a contract to start the first rural mail carrier route out of West Dover and suggested Ernie be the mailman. Ernie would receive \$50 a month and provide his own transportation and expenses.

So in 1904, at 20 years of age, after passing a U.S. Civil Service examination in Cleveland, Ernie started delivering mail by bicycle and on horseback. Ernie's route encompassed not only Dover Township but also Avon and North Ridgeville townships.

Ernie bought one of those regular green RFD mail wagons that had the reins

going out two holes in front, which made delivering mail much safer and warmer. Between Porter and Center Ridge roads, the Greens, who owned Green's Garage, allowed him to leave his horse at their barn to rest while he used the Greens' horse to finish the North Ridgeville loop of his route. It was in 1916 Ernie turned to a Model T Ford in good weather. So, in accordance with the motto, "the mail always went through."

Ernie married Alvina Peters and raised his family on Bradley Road in the 1850 Thomas Powell house. Alvina's grandparents were Tom and Sophia Sadler Powell. In 1923, Ernie built a colonial house south of the Powell house at 584 Bradley Road. Delivering the mail had served Ernie well.



Ernie Wuebker was the first rural mailman in West Dover Township.

In the early years there was not a person in western Westlake and Bay whom Ernie did not know by name and sight because of his occupation. They saw him often and he became their confidant and trusted friend. ●



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Demons tennis team overcomes court plague

by DAN CRAVEN

It seemed all the “elements” for a special Westlake men’s tennis season had aligned. Newly constructed courts, the return of a top player, an experienced, senior-laden lineup with a track record of success on-court and in the classroom, and a schedule of challenging opponents.

However problems with the newly reconstructed high school courts forced the Demons men’s tennis team to return to the home courts of the last few seasons at the Westlake Rec Center. The first match of the spring on March 31 welcomed the netters back with bitter cold.

In a 3-hour battle fought in temperatures better suited for ice hockey, the varsity opened the season against perennial power Copley. The first 4 matches were split, leaving the score 2 apiece. The first doubles team was still on-court as the final hope to get the needed third victory to enable new coach Saumil

Jhaveri to launch his coaching tenure with a victory.

The senior tandem of captain Thomas Reusser and partner Ameesh Shah held on to win the first set in a tiebreaker but then lost a close second set. The final set would be tension filled. Reusser and Shah held a match point at 5-4 but could not close it out, and then seemed on the verge of defeat as they fell behind 5-6 and faced match point against. They came up big and evened the match at 6-all, forcing a deciding tiebreaker which they ended up winning 7-3.

Coach Jhaveri said after the match, “I don’t think I will be able to make it through the season if all the matches are as exciting as this!”

For the second match of the season on April 1, the team went on the road and faced no untoward court conditions while subduing Rocky River, 5-0.

The theme of the early season continued as problems with the courts in Hudson forced a change of venue to Westlake. However,

conditions on the home courts were also less than ideal. After several days of torrential rain, water, sludge and leaves required the courts to undergo a few hours of maintenance before the April 8 competition. On match-day, the rain held off but fog enveloped the courts at times making for some very unusual match play conditions. The play itself, however, was stellar.

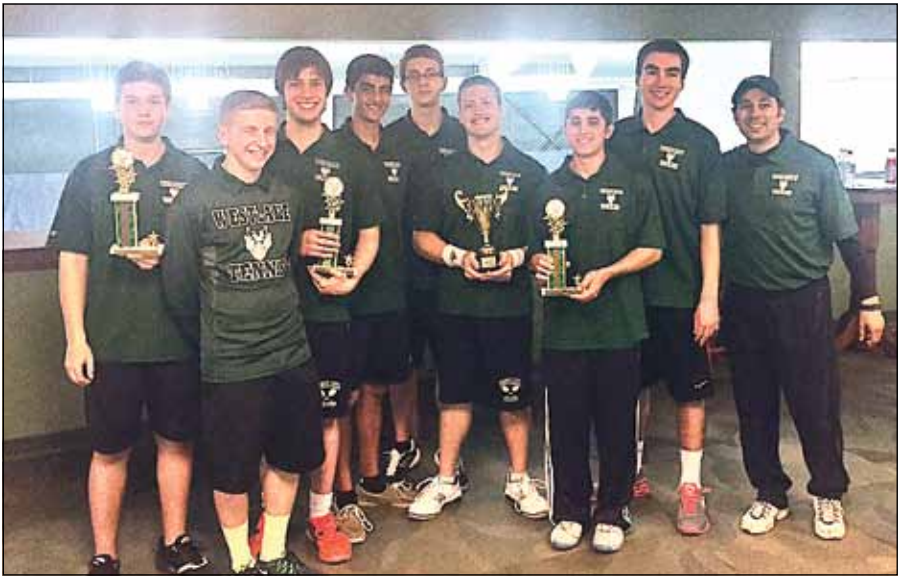


PHOTO BY SAUMIL JHAVERI

The Westlake High School men’s tennis team went undefeated in their first four matches of the season.

“I don’t think I will be able to make it through the season if all the matches are as exciting as this!”

– Coach Saumil Jhaveri

Connor Michelich really got in gear over-powering a very tough, consistent and experienced opponent while controlling the match throughout to come out on top over Dominic Polifrone, 6-2, 6-1. Despite the cold temperatures, emotions ran hot as Aris Jhaveri unleashed his fiery brand of play and shouted encouragement to his teammates battling on adjacent courts. Aris prevailed, 6-0, 6-3, and his energy seemed to help singles teammate Cal Craven turn the tide as he stormed back from a 2-4 second set deficit to win. The

final team score was 4-1 Westlake over a highly skilled Hudson team.

The final match of the early season was April 10 against Lake Ridge Academy, and again the home field provided yet another chapter in the tennis book of inhospitable court conditions. After a day of high winds, the team arrived to find the courts blanketed in red leaf buds from the surrounding trees. Fortunately the team grounds crew swept away the debris and the Demons’ racquets swept away Lake Ridge in dominant fashion, 5-0. Fairview transfer Matt Hom provided the highlight of the day, jumping into the singles lineup and using an arsenal of shots in an immaculate performance to win, 6-0, 6-0.

Thankfully court conditions were not an issue on April 11th at the Paramount Westlake Tennis Center where the 4-0 Demons competed indoors in the 8-team St. Edward Invitational Tournament. The team had their most successful finish in years, placing second only to an elite New Albany team from Columbus. ●



PHOTO BY DAN CRAVEN

Water and sludge on the Hudson courts had to be removed before the Westlake High men’s tennis match on April 8.

MetroHealth to merge offices into new Crocker Park location

The MetroHealth System is continuing its expansion into the western part of Cuyahoga County with a new location in Crocker Park. The Westlake Health Center will be located in an office space above Brio, located at 38 Main Street, Suite 300. MetroHealth’s established offices in Westlake, located at 24700 Center Ridge Road and 25200 Center Ridge Road, will merge into the new location.

Located in a space of approximately 8,500 square feet, the Westlake Health Center will offer ExpressCare, pediatrics, primary care, dermatology, cardiology, ENT, plastics, sleep, OB/GYN, and some imaging capabilities. A number of parking spaces will be reserved for patients coming to appointments at the facility, and valet parking will be offered.

“We have been providing care in West-

lake for the past five years and the demand for our services continues to grow. This also aligns with our goal of moving closer to where people live and work,” said Akram Boutros, MD, president and CEO of MetroHealth. “In addition, the new location is an exciting opportunity to consolidate our programs and showcase our comprehensive services.”

The Westlake Health Center is expected to open in July. ●

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Holly Lane Elementary named Hall of Fame School

The Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators announced that Holly Lane Elementary in Westlake has been selected as a 2015 Hall of Fame School. Principal Mimi Verdone and her staff will be presented with the award, including \$1,000 to be used at the principal's discretion. OAESA will recognize 10 winners of the Hall of Fame Award during an awards luncheon to be held June 12, in Columbus.

The Hall of Fame School award recognizes schools that go above and beyond the call of duty to get students, teachers and community members excited about education. The school staff submitted an extensive application documenting the quality of their educational program in the following areas: instructional system, student achievement, student development, personnel, administration, school management

and stakeholders.

Hall of Fame Schools were chosen by two committees of OAESA members; one of which read and scored the applications and the other which conducted on-site evaluations of qualifying schools. Committee members wrote that, "Holly Lane Elementary is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) school. The IB PYP is based upon and stresses a method of inquiry within the learning process. At Holly Lane, inquiry is not merely stated in the mission and vision, but is lived out in practice, as students are encouraged to learn through exploration. The staff was friendly and upbeat, their enthusiasm for the profession evident. Students are provided a safe learning environment where standards are high, differences are celebrated, and respect is expected by staff and students." ●



Holly Lane Elementary will be honored as a Hall of Fame School by the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators on June 12 in Columbus.

WESTSHORE YOUNG LEADERS NETWORK

Growing to Greatness

BY NOREEN KYLE

The Dwyer Memorial Senior Center stayed open late on Thursday, April 16, to host the monthly meeting of the Westshore Young Leaders Network. The WYL-Network has been serving the six Westshore communities since 2010. The young leaders are dedicated to implementing strategies aimed at preventing and reducing youth substance use while encouraging healthy life choices.

The youth-led initiative was envisioned during a snowy January meeting. The young leaders wanted to bring "spring" to those visiting Dwyer Memorial Senior Center. Leslie Selig, Director of Community Services, eagerly accepted the partnership.

The evening started with the young leaders introducing themselves and sharing memories about their grandparents. Groups were formed to plant vegetable seed tray gardens. The seedlings will find their new home at the Bay Community Garden.

A meeting wouldn't be complete without a pizza dinner and all the fixins'! Intergenerational tables were set while all in attendance listened to SAIC Jeff Capretto of the Westshore Enforcement Bureau speak on prescription drug safety and disposal.

Laughter and piano music filled the room during games of "Duck, Duck, Goose," Forks, Sorry and Chess. At the end of the evening, when the goodbyes were said, all were thrilled by their newly formed friendships. Bring on the Talent Show next year!

If you would like more information about the Adult Network Coalition or the Westshore Young Leaders call 440-250-9916 or visit www.westshoreyoungleaders.org. ●



Members of the Westshore Young Leaders and visitors to the Dwyer Center shared an evening of intergenerational fun, with games, food and planting vegetable seed tray gardens.

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Tri-C student-athlete from Westlake named pitcher of the week

by JOHN HORTON

Cuyahoga Community College baseball player Tom Keaney has been named Pitcher of the Week by the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference for his performance April 6-12.

Keaney pitched Tri-C to a 1-0 victory over Owens Community College on Saturday, April 11. He held Owens to just one hit over six innings while striking out four. On the season, Keaney is 3-2 with 23 strikeouts in 31 innings.

The second-year player from Westlake is a graduate of Westlake High School.

Tri-C's baseball team is 23-12 on the season and second in the OCCAC standings. The Challengers play at Ron Mottl Field at Western Campus in Parma. For a full team schedule, go to www.tri-c.edu/athletics. ●



Tri-C pitcher Tom Keaney

FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

IRS instructions for kitchen duty

by RJ JOHNSON, pastor of Advent Westlake

Whose night is it to clean the kitchen? It's a question we ask every night. One night my son does this chore. The next night it's my daughter's turn. You might think this would make the answer simple, but the reality looks more like the IRS instructions for the tax return you just completed. The process can be described as follows.

Line 1: What did we have for supper? If Dad grilled burgers and microwaved a package of frozen broccoli, proceed to Line 4 and check "my night." All you have to do is put the dishes in the dishwasher, the condiments in the refrigerator, and wipe down the counters. This should take five minutes, and tomorrow night you're off the hook.

If Mom made moussaka and baked bread, there are probably a pile of those annoying dishes that you are not allowed to put in the dishwasher. This could take hours, and it's possible that Dad will grill tomorrow night. Go to Line 2.

Line 1 should be completed in less than a second. If it takes too long your sibling will know what you're up to and object, especially if Dad grilled.

Line 2: Think back to last night. Who cleaned the kitchen? If you have arrived at Line 2, you have already determined that the kitchen is going to take some time. If you cleaned it last night, you let everyone know that it's not your turn. In asserting you cleaned the previous night, it is also best to remind everyone what we ate the previous night, so no one can question you. Your statement should sound something like, "I did the dishes last night. I remember because my brother/sister did not scrape the spaghetti off his/her plate very well." There is a bonus for pointing out your sibling's shortcoming.

If you did not clean the kitchen last night, you might try, "I think I did." Although this could be considered cleaning evasion, a crime, you could also classify it as avoidance by adding the uncertain, "I think."

If you are successful in your claim that you cleaned last night proceed to Line 4, and check "not my night." If not proceed to Line 3.

Line 3: If you have arrived here, all is not lost. Did you prepare, or substantially help with the preparation of supper? If so, now is the time to claim the exemption. This exemption is difficult. The authority to grant it comes only from Mom. "I made the casserole," will probably get you the exemption. "I microwaved the broccoli," will probably fail. This does not mean, "I microwaved the broccoli," is not worth a try. It hasn't worked to date, but you never know.

If you are successful in your appeal, proceed to Line 4 and check, "not my night." If you are unsuccessful, check "my night," and hope for moussaka and homemade bread tomorrow.

Line 4: Whose night is it to clean the kitchen? _my night _not my night. ●

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SPORTING VIEWS

The emperor's new clothes

by JEFF BING

I'm sure that at one time or another, everyone has received the email in which some dude (maybe even a prince) named Rakeesh has inherited countless millions (or perhaps, no doubt due to inflation, countless billions) of dollars. The problem is, our beloved Rakeesh can't collect because he has visa problems, or he lost his visa, or who knows, maybe he simply forgot to pay his Visa bill.

But that part's not really important. The point is that poor Rakeesh – all by his lonesome – can't get his grubby little paws on the money. (Feel free to shed a sympathetic tear at your discretion; I'm welling up as we speak).

Anyway, that's where *you* come in. See, if only Rakeesh had someone to do his legwork for him, and help him claim the money, life in Kankanistan (or insert your own fictitious country here; it doesn't really matter) could be good again.

Rakeesh could buy that BMW he's always wanted. And since that new car smell is so darn intoxicating (admit it, you like it too), he's willing to cut you in on the take if you can spare a few moments of your time – remembering to stop at

the bank along the way – and help the guy out.

See, even though Rakeesh is about to become wealthy beyond his (and your) wildest dreams, the poor fella is strapped for cash at the moment. And since they don't have payday loan shops in Kankanistan, what's a poor Kankanistanian (say that fast ten times) to do? So, if you'll just go ahead and pay his inheritance taxes for him, he'll split the money (remember, countless millions) with you.

Now, normally he wouldn't want to part with so much of his money, but he's in a real hurry (perhaps the car dealer told him that BMW was the last one on the lot and he didn't know how long it would take to get another one in). So, since you have him over the proverbial barrel, why not help a guy out? Heck, maybe you want a new BMW too, right?

So you go get a cashier's check (sorry, a personal check won't cut it; how does he know he can *trust* you?) for \$4,039.59 and rush it off to the post office, stopping at Home Depot to buy a wheelbarrow (because, seriously man, all those bags of cash will be *very* heavy). Then you wait ... and wait ...

While we're waiting, have you

seen the Browns' new uniforms? Hmm, it got me thinking.

You get an email from a dude named "Jimmy" who claims to have a really fun, exciting football team. Not only that, but he claims they have new uniforms, and even a new scoreboard which, according to some accounts, resembles Jimmy's home state of Tennessee.

Now, even though his football team has stunk for an entire generation, Jimmy says the team is improved. Heck, they even went out and signed a new quarterback. Don't pay any attention to his record as a starting quarterback, because we know how to make him better. *We promise!*

And oh, by the way, you'll notice that we had to increase the cost of your season tickets just a teensy-weensy bit. Overhead, you know. But, just send us the money (credit card; no personal checks please) and we promise we'll deliver all kinds of excitement this year.

So you renew your season tickets and stop at Dick's to get a new seat cushion for all that fun you just know you're going to have this fall. Then you wait ... and wait ...

Rakeesh, meet Mr. Haslam. The two of you have a lot in common. ●

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Internet Street Smarts Tip: Use 'real world' common sense

by TAK SATO

First in a series of short tips on internet safety.

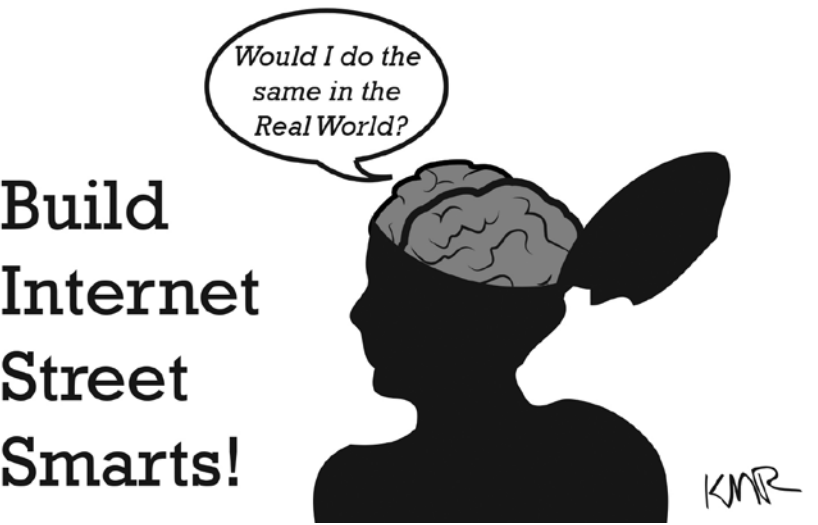
Although the lines are blurring rapidly, we live in a duality of worlds. One is the "real world" that we are born into; another is the "digital world" that augments and increasingly affects the very fabric of our culture.

Growing up in Japan I didn't go through a formal municipality-sponsored training like Safety Town yet I wouldn't doubt that every culture introduces street smarts as part of early childhood education. I do recall the constant stream of reminders from my parents and teachers on topics such as not going with strangers.

Through these constant reminders, and support systems like Safety Town, children start building good "habits" – habits that will keep them safe. From childhood to adolescence and through the rite of passage to adulthood, we continue to cultivate good habits.

Citizenship in the Digital World, which is something one really doesn't have a choice but to be a part of, requires similar amassing of good habits to minimize the risk of being victimized.

So the inaugural Internet Street Smarts tip is this: The gray matter between your ears is the single most powerful tool you possess as it is where good habits are cultivated.



Although the utility of other tools will be covered in subsequent tips, your brain is the most important tool that you own and train. It is the "super tool" above all other tools to build street smartness for the Digital World, aka Internet Street Smarts.

The litmus test of "Would I do the same in the Real World?" should help you. For example will you put a sign up on your front lawn with your date of birth or when you'll go on vacation to Paris? Such parallels should make you think twice before posting too much information on social media in the Digital World.

Remember that there always is a corollary in the Real World when you question your actions in the Digital World. ●

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

Garden club plans bus trip to Holden Arboretum

by REGINA MCCARTHY

The Westlake Garden Club is offering a chance to tour the fabulous Holden Arboretum on Tuesday, June 9. The rhododendron will be in bloom, as well as other late spring, early summer perennials. The bus will depart West Bay Plaza, located at Detroit and Crocker roads, at 8:45 a.m. sharp, rain or shine.

You will choose from among three types of guided tours — a short or long walk or ride on a tram (handicapped).

We will lunch at Gamekeeper's Taverne in Chagrin Falls, followed by free time to explore the town. Heading home, we will stop at Lowe's Greenhouse (not the big box store), returning to Westlake approximately 4:15 p.m.

The all inclusive cost for Westlake Garden Club members is \$47 and for non-members \$57. Deadline for reservations is June 1. For a detailed flyer, which includes tour and lunch choices, to make a reservation, or if you have questions, please contact Sally Knurek at 440-331-8722. ●



HOLDEN ARBORETUM

See rhododendrons in bloom this June on a trip to the Holden Arboretum with the Westlake Garden Club.

BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

'Welcome to Medicare' presentation April 29

by LESLIE SELIG

Many people who join Medicare have questions and concerns about their new, different type of health insurance. In addition, important deadlines exist for certain new benefits.

If you are a new or soon-to-be Medicare beneficiary, come to the Bay Village Dwyer Center, 300 Bryson Lane, on Wednesday, April 29, at 12:30 p.m. for

a presentation by the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP). Information will be presented about Medicare benefits, supplemental insurance policies, Medicare Advantage plans and prescription drug coverage.

OSHIIP is a free service through the Ohio Department of Insurance and provides unbiased answers and insurance counseling on issues important to people of any age on Medicare. Lunch will be provided. Please call 440-835-6565 to register. ●

Silver Sneakers classes

Zumba Gold and Yoga are now offered as Silver Sneakers programs at the Dwyer Center. Zumba Gold is Fridays at 9 a.m., and two yoga classes are offered on Mondays: Floor Yoga at 9 a.m. and Chair Yoga at 10:30 a.m. Classes are free for Silver Sneakers members!

For non-Silver Sneakers members, Zumba Gold costs \$5 per class, \$20 for a 5-class pass, or \$37.50 for a 10-class pass. Both Yoga classes cost \$48 for residents, \$50 for non-residents or \$10 to "drop in." Come join the fun! ●

Bay Village hydrant flushing begins May 4

by THE BAY VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our annual hydrant flushing will begin Monday, May 4, and will be completed, weather permitting, by early to mid-June. Each year we test and flush every hydrant in the city to ensure proper function, pressure and maintenance.

As in past years, we will keep residents aware of our daily progress through the city, as we work from the east side of the city to the west side, by posting temporary signs. We also notify City Hall each morning of our work area for the day. Please note that hydrants are flushed between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Since hydrant flushing sometimes loosens some of the rust in the water mains, you may notice rusty or discolored water when we are flushing in your area. If this happens, let your cold water run for a few minutes until it is clear again. Should any rusty water end up accidentally in your laundry, the Fire Department has a supply of rust remover packets. Call 871-1214 for more information or stop in at the Fire Station, 28100 Wolf Road. ●

Rae-Ann residents' video goes viral

by CARLEEN BROBERG

A lighthearted music video featuring 90-something-year-olds doing a parody of the iconic Beastie Boys hit song, "(You Gotta) Fight for Your Right (to Party)," has been viewed nearly 2 million times since it was posted to YouTube March 30.

The video features residents and staff of The Belvedere of Westlake, and was filmed by the facility's program coordinator, Stephanie Gumina.

"I posted a link to the video on my Facebook page on March 30 and when I went to bed that night, there were about 20 views," says Gumina. "When I woke up the next morning, there were 800. The whole next day, we saw another 10,000 views, and another 10,000 views, and it just kept building. I really don't know how it caught fire."

The 3:35 minute video features aging hipsters donning dark sunglasses and gold chain necklaces, a spunky woman wailing on an electric guitar, a husband and wife drag racing in their wheelchairs, several men showing off appliquéd boxer shorts, and more than a few taking swigs from a bottle

of Jack Daniel's (apple juice replaced the whiskey, says Gumina). Belvedere co-owner John Griffiths also makes an appearance, just long enough to take a whipped cream pie to the face.

The "Belvedere Boys" and other volunteer video participants "feel like celebrities," Gumina says. "They're asking each other, 'Did you ever think that THIS is what we'd be doing in our 90s? We're all over the Internet!' They think it's awesome. They have had a lot of fun with it."

This is the third music video Gumina and Belvedere residents have produced. "The residents love making them. We have a very interesting group here at The Belvedere," Gumina says. "They like to have fun, they are quick learners, and I knew they would ham it up for the camera!"

In February 2014, Belvedere residents did a parody of the Pharrell Williams song "Happy." Last August, they filmed a "senior rendition" of "Summer Nights" from Grease.

She chose "Fight for Your Right" for the latest video, she explains, "because I tease them that I know they are up to no good when the staff is not around.

When they first heard the song, they were like, 'Really?' But I said, 'just trust me, there's a method to my madness,' and so they did."

The video was filmed over four days and Gumina spent two more days editing it before posting to YouTube. Now, she says, residents are eager to get started on the next one. "Everyone is invited to participate; those who don't want to be on camera enjoy watching us film. But many of them love being in front of the camera."

Gumina enjoys using her broadcasting background to offer Belvedere residents an entertaining alternative to the typical activities offered at retirement homes. "I studied at the Ohio Center for Broadcasting before joining The Belvedere nine years ago. That's where I learned how to digitally record and edit videos," she says.

"This is something different and exciting for them to do that's not the everyday thing," she concludes. "We received a lot of positive feedback from the video. We just hope people enjoy it."

A link to the video is available in the online version of this article at wbvobserver.com. ●




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Cancer Car Smash will raise money for Village Project

by DIANE FRYE

Have you ever wanted to beat the living daylight out of a car? Would you like to do something to help your neighbors who are experiencing cancer? Village Project is offering an opportunity to accomplish both of these goals at its Cancer Car Smash on Saturday, May 2. Not only will participants at this event get a chance to release their aggressions on a jalopy, they will also be helping to raise funds for Village Project.

How does it work? Two cars, donated by Sunnyside Automotive and Joyce Buick GMC, will stand in for cancer. Donning safety goggles and a helmet, participants will take turns swinging a sledge hammer on the cars to do their part to symbolically “wallop cancer,” and at the same time, generate money to help provide nourishing meals and extended care and service to cancer patients and their families in our West Shore communities. One swing with a sledge hammer will cost each participant \$5. For \$10, three swings can be taken.

Cancer Car Smash is not just a fundraiser – it is also a contest. Who will be the best of the west? Students from Bay Village, Westlake, Avon Lake, Rocky River, Magnificat, St. Edward, St.

Ignatius and St. Joseph Academy – schools in the communities served by Village Project – will compete for their high school to raise the most money.

Getting the students involved is something that MaryKate McHugh, chair for the Cancer Car Smash, feels strongly about. “Our student volunteers are such an integral part of the work done by Village Project, so I think it’s not only a great way to harness their passion for volunteering, but it also allows for friendly competition among local high schools.”

The event will be the symbolic kick-off for Village Project’s second annual Project Pedal, the charitable bike ride scheduled for Saturday, June 13.

“We are hoping the competitive spirit of the Cancer Car Smash will bring local students and families together to support Project Pedal, and ultimately, the Village Project. It doesn’t matter if you are two years old or 90, we want you to join us to smash the car and cancer!”

Cancer Car Smash will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bay Village Police Department parking lot, 28000 Wolf Road. Sign-up information, including the required waiver of liability and release form, is available at www.ourvillageproject.com. ●

WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Clague House yard sale marks spring’s arrival



by LYSA STANTON

Signs of spring have arrived in Westlake. The days are slowly warming and spring flowers are blooming. If you look closely you will see the new buds on the trees.

The feel of spring is in the air! With the start of a new baseball season I am optimistic or hopeful that the Cleveland Indians will do well this year. Hope does “spring” eternal.

Spring also means that it is time for the Westlake Historical

Society’s spring yard sale. This yearly sale is looked forward to by many. The bargains are plentiful, but the sale also means winter is out of here.

The sale will take place on the lawn of the Clague House Museum on Saturday, April 25,

from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The rain date will be the following Saturday.

The sale is a wonderful way to support the work of the Westlake Historical Society. Free admission with free donuts and coffee available, so come on over! ●

WESTLAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Westlake Center room dedicated in honor of former director



PHOTO BY JENNIFER YOO

Joyce Able Schroth proudly holds her grandson, Zane Bradley Schroth, at the dedication of the room named in her honor.

by LYDIA GADD

On Wednesday, April 8, the Westlake Center for Community Services unveiled the Joyce Able Schroth Room. The dedication of this room was something that the Community Services staff planned in honor of the now retired director for her 15 years of leadership.

Mayor Dennis Clough, members of the Community Services Advisory Board, Community Services staff and other city staff were on hand with Joyce, her husband Tom, son and daughter-in-law Michael and Catherine, and grandson Zane to witness the unveiling and celebrate the dedication of this room.

The activity room that now bears her

moniker is a lovely, bright room with several windows offering a panoramic view of Mead-owood Golf Course. It is in the newer part of the center that was added to the original structure in 2004 as a result of grant money that Joyce was able to procure.

Joyce remarked that this activities room replaced a darker, windowless room, which was often critiqued by the patrons for being too dark. She was so excited to unveil the newer, improved, brighter room, but laughed when she recalled that the new critique from some was that it was TOO bright!

You can’t win them all, but you can surely touch people’s lives in positive ways, and that is what Joyce did. For that, her name will always be a part of the Center. ●

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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, April 22 and 29 (10:15 & 11 a.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE! – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket at the Preschool Desk.

Wednesday, April 22 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – The April selection is “The Tilted World” by Tom Franklin.

Wednesdays, April 22 and 29 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, April 23 and 30 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS – Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and each Thursday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF WORLD FINANCIAL MARKETS – Please join John Sawczak for a presentation about world financial markets. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 22 (7-8 p.m.) EARTH DAY CELEBRATION! – Celebrate Earth Day with a cool science experiment, an earth-friendly craft and an Earth Day-themed snack. Ages 8-12. Registration begins April 15.

Wednesday, April 22 (7-8:30 p.m.) SECRETS OF EFFECTIVE COUPONING

– Learn how to maximize your savings online and in stores using coupons and other discounts. Please register.

Thursday, April 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.

Thursday, April 23 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Eric Hansen will portray Jack Miner in honor of Jack’s birthday.

Friday, April 24 (10 a.m.-noon) Porter’s FIBER FANATICS – A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems, and show off.

Friday, April 24 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) and Monday, April 27 (6:30-7:15 p.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME – Join us for a storytime for children ages 3-7 with special needs and their parents/caregivers. The program includes interactive stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities, followed by 30 minutes of play. Registration begins one week before each session.

Friday, April 24 (1:30-3 p.m.) MONEY SMART FOR OLDER ADULTS – Senior citizens are often targeted by crooks. Find out how you can avoid scams, fraud and more. Please register.

Friday, April 24 (4-5:30 p.m.) WEIRD-ER SCIENCE – Learn science while having

fun! Our interactive after-school science program teaches fundamental principles in an entertaining format. Students will participate in hands-on experiments that they can reproduce at home. Please note program change: Participants must be in grades 5-8. Registration begins April 17.

Saturday, April 25 (2-4 p.m.) CARRY-OUT CRAFTS – Stop by the Youth Services Department to see what each day’s featured craft is! Tables will be set up with all of the supplies needed.

Saturday, April 25 (3-5 p.m.) MAD 4 MANGA – Each month we watch a different Anime series and talk about our favorite Manga. Sometimes we even throw in some crafts, Manga drawing or Japanese treats! Grades 7-12.

Sunday, April 26 (2-3:30 p.m.) DANGEROUS BOOK FOR BOYS CLUB – Are you looking for something dangerous, but not too dangerous? We will be playing games, conducting experiments and having fun inspired by the Dangerous Book for Boys. For children ages 9-11. Registration begins April 19.

Sunday, April 26 (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. If you have a chess set, please bring it with you.

Monday, April 27 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Tuesday, April 28 (10 a.m.-noon)

CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: USING TWITTER FOR JOB SEARCH – Take this quick introduction to learn how to use Twitter in your job search.

Tuesday, April 28 (10-11 a.m.) PREZI BASICS – Prezi is a cloud-based presentation tool that can be used as an alternative to PowerPoint. See a demonstration and learn how to create an account.

Tuesday, April 28 (7-8:30 p.m.) ELIOT NESS’ CLEVELAND: PROHIBITION, BEER AND THE TORSO MURDERS – Eliot Ness transformed Cleveland from the most dangerous city in the country to a national safety award winner ... But a serial killer was still lurking in the shadows! Travel back to the time when Cleveland had bootleggers, speakeasies and unsolved crimes.

Wednesday, April 29 (7-8:30 p.m.) PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP – Meet other parents as we discuss childhood development topics with a local expert. Topic: Solutions for Picky Eaters and Problem Feeders. Free child care is available; registration required at connectingforkids.org or 440-250-5563.

Thursday, April 30 (7-8:30 p.m.) ZENTANGLE FOR BEGINNERS – Zentangle is a new, easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. Registration required.

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

Engage in and enjoy Compeer Day at Porter Library

by DENISE AYRES

Come join us at the seventh annual Compeer Day at Westlake Porter Public Library on Sunday, May 17, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Compeer Day at WPPL is an open invitation to learn about library resources, Compeer volunteering at Far West Center, and facts about mental health. The event will be held in the Porter Room and is free for all to attend.

Compeer Day has been held each May, Mental Health Awareness Month, beginning in 2008. It is an open house event for our surrounding community. You are invited to come and engage in activities, socialize and meet staff, members and volunteers.

Compeer at Far West Center is an affiliate of the international non-profit Compeer Inc. Compeer focuses on how friendship makes a positive impact on our lives and our mental health. Compeer relies on community adult volunteers to help with our mis-

sion to share friendship with people that need acceptance, encouragement and smiles.

Studies, and common sense, show that people learn more information and learn more about others if they are in a relaxed, welcoming and fun environment. Porter Library definitely meets all three. Compeer Day is designed to be an enjoyable event that includes a fun opportunity to watch or take part in the WPPL-Compeer Team Jeopardy Challenge!

Also at the event you will be welcome to view artwork by members of the Art Helps and Heals, “AHH,” art therapy program at Far West Center. AHH Art Therapy offers adults in recovery from mental illness an opportunity to express thoughts and emotions in a fresh, creative way. Some members will be in attendance and happy to answer questions about their art pieces and the creative experience.

There will be a Compeer Volunteer Recognition and a chance for you to hear firsthand about being a

program volunteer. There are many public misconceptions about mental illness. When you meet the friendly Compeer volunteers, members and staff you will learn that there is nothing to fear in a mental wellness and recovery program. Compeer at Far West Center focuses on the wellness part of recovery which includes socializing in the community, ways to feel happy, fun times and humor!

Compeer is grateful to hold our Mental Health Awareness Month event at WPPL each year. In fact the community-minded Library Director, Andrew Mangels, offered the opportunity to Compeer and Far West Center in 2008.

For more information about the Compeer Program at Far West Center or the AHH Art Therapy Program, please call 440-835-6212, ext. 242. For more information on the resources and events at Westlake Porter Public Library, please call 440-871-2600. Better yet, stop on by the Compeer Day at WPPL on May 17. ●

Porter Library launches video game collection

Westlake Porter Public Library has a new offering for patrons – a video game collection. Games will be available for four platforms – Wii, Wii U, Xbox 360 and Xbox One – and will encompass all ratings.

The Library’s Collection Development Team made the decision to offer such a collection after seeing the success of a rotating collection the library borrowed from the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System and made available to library card holders. Wii and Xbox were selected as the platforms upon which to focus following a six-week customer survey conducted in-house and online in January through mid-February.

The collection cases will be housed in Adult Services near the Information Desk. For security reasons the discs will be given to borrowers upon checkout. The circulation period is seven days, with a limit of two per checkout. The games are subject to holds and may be renewed (unless someone else has placed a hold).

In the library’s catalog system the games will be marked with the platform for which they are intended.

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



The Observer takes pride in the community ... and the community takes pride in the Observer.

Westlake High hosts first Demon Football Lift-A-Thon fundraiser

by GINA REDINGER

The Westlake High School football team and coaches geared up for the start of the 2015 season with a first-ever lift-a-thon fundraiser on Sunday, April 19, in the



weight room at WHS. New WHS head football coach Jason Hall and his coaching staff, assisted by the new Westlake Football Backers, organized this event to showcase the work the team has been putting in all winter and early spring.

"We want to motivate our student athletes to become bigger, stronger, faster and less susceptible to injury through strength training, stretching and agility work," said Coach Hall.

More than 60 players, grades 9-12, participated and were divided into groups based on size and position. They started in the WHS weight room where they showcased their power lifts and strength moves. They also rotated through timed drills in both speed and agility, including the 40-meter sprint in the auxiliary gym. Awards were given at the conclusion.

The players sought donations and pledges from family, friends and neighbors for the lift-a-thon for their power

lifts, agility drills and speed work.

The Demon Lift-A-Thon was free and open to the public. Football families, alumni, youth and middle school players showed up to support the football program. The event helped to raise money for team camp in June as well as team apparel. It also gave the team a chance to showcase their athleticism. T3 Performance in Avon was the sole sponsor of the event.

The Westlake Football Backers are a group of volunteers committed to supporting the Westlake Demons football program, grades 7-12, through a variety of activities, events and projects. The WFB help to establish and maintain meaningful traditions while connecting the football program to the greater Westlake community. The



Head coach Jason Hall addresses Westlake High School football players during the lift-a-thon.

PHOTOS BY AIMEE BIELOZER

Backers support the ideals and philosophies of the WHS football coaching staff and work to implement initiatives that support a winning football program, creating a legacy of Demon Pride.

The WFB are comprised of coaches, parents, grandparents, alumni, community members and anyone who wants to help the team succeed, on and off the field. For more information, go to westlakefootballbackers.com.

The Demons begin their season in the newly formed Southwest Conference against Olmsted Falls on Friday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. at WHS Stadium. ●



Family, friends, alumni and youth players came out to support the Demons in a fundraiser for the high school football program.

Avoid chemicals when spring cleaning

by LORI SPROSTY

With warmer weather moving in, now is the time to start thinking about spring cleaning – inside and out, all year round. That's why the Bay Village Green Team will be hosting a Green Cleaning Workshop on Wednesday, April 29, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Bay Village Branch Library.

The workshop is free to attend and participants will have the opportunity to make two green cleaners to take home for a \$10 fee. This workshop is intended for anyone interested in learning how to replace toxic cleaning and landscaping products with safe alternatives that you can make from everyday household ingredients. Reducing toxins and other harsh chemicals at home and in the yard helps to protect yourself, your family, your pets and our local watersheds from harmful chemicals.

Household cleaners and lawn chemicals are potential sources of water pollution, making their way into local streams and rivers, and eventually Lake Erie. By using more natural homemade cleaners, residents can reduce their environmental impact, save money, and reduce their exposure to harmful chemicals.

Registration is required by contacting Amy Roskilly of the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District at 216-524-6580, ext. 22. ●



Participant Cathi Lehn makes a cleaning solution free of harmful chemicals at a recent Green Cleaning Workshop. A similar event is scheduled for April 29 at the Bay Village Branch Library.

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Great Lakes Theater troop visits Clague Playhouse

by BERNICE BOLEK

On March 31, Clague Playhouse theatergoers were treated to a performance by members of the Great Lakes Theater. The last stop in GLT's spring outreach tour of "The Great Globe Itself," featured actors Roderick S. Cardwell II, Arthur Chu and James Alexander Rankin enacting playwright David Hansen's historical fiction on the connection of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre with Lake Erie.

Shakespeare's Globe burned down in 1613, and nearly 400 years later an idea of rebuilding it was birthed on the North Coast of Cleveland. It was the brain child of Shakespearean scholar Thomas Wood Sevens of Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh. In 1936, a replica of The Globe appeared at the Great Lakes Exposition surrounded by an array of "Coney Island" attractions.

Playwright Hansen attributes a 1990 student visit to London as his inspiration for his rendition of this historical event. While there, Hansen discovered an old plaque on the exterior wall of a post-war factory

building. Words indicated that the Globe Theater was at one time in history somewhere nearby. After a short walk down the south bank of the Thames River, he saw a great vacant muddy mouth, the groundwork for a controversial restructuring of Shakespeare's Globe.

Hansen explained that in this new play he hoped to show that it is "the 'rough magic' which drew another young man from the shores of Lake Erie to discover that plaque on that wall and finally to dig that hole in the ground near the banks of the Thames to excite the imagination for a new Globe and provide valuable data on original construction." According to John Vacha, author of "Showtime in Cleveland" and other books on regional theater history, Sam Wanamaker was the visionary and an inspiration for the production.

The performers magically transported the Clague audience to a time of Shakespeare's work and that of the 1936 Exposition and to a vision of the rebirth of the Globe Theatre. ●



Great Lakes Theater actors, from left, James Alexander Rankin, Roderick Cardwell II and Arthur Chu, perform "The Great Globe Itself" at Clague Playhouse.

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Charles Holt will be the guest speaker at Unity Spiritual Center on May 3.

Experience Charles Holt at Unity

by SHARON FEDOR

Actor, author and singer Charles Holt comes to Unity Spiritual Center of Westlake as our guest speaker on Sunday, May 3, for our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

In true theatrical style, his Sunday service is entitled, "On with the Show ... THIS is IT." Later that same afternoon, from 1-3:30

p.m., "Beyond Forgiveness" is a compelling workshop facilitated by Charles, with book signing. This workshop utilizes the idea of seven powers, such as the power of compassion, the power of release, and the power of you. It takes great courage to forgive, and to stop playing the blame/shame game, but this workshop will show you it's possible.

From Southern roots, and a devoted, religious grandmother who instructed him in religious hymns, to dashed dreams of playing pro ball, to winning and losing in corporate America, full circle back to singing and acting on the Broadway stage, we get a glimpse into the multi-talented, inspiring life of Charles Holt.

He has starred in some of the most spectacular theatre productions on Broadway, including "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "The Lion King." His TV credits include "Law and Order: Criminal Intent" and "All My Children."

After moving to Los Angeles from New York, he met Michael Bernard Beckwith, founder of Agape International Spiritual Center, and one of the teachers in the movie "The Secret."

Meeting Dr. Beckwith had a profound impact on Charles, so much so, that today Charles Holt Productions is a ministry dedicated to inspiring a higher mindset through music, film, books and the spoken word. Dr. Beckwith describes Charles' voice as healing, appealing and even intoxicating. Charles' CDs are filled with an eclectic blend of musical genres, from jazz, to gospel, to Broadway and more.

Join us on Sunday, May 3, to hear and experience the voice, the magnetism of Charles Holt. All faiths always welcome. To register for the afternoon workshop, visit unityspiritualcenter.com; workshop is \$25. ●

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BAYARTS

The meditative art of Zentangle

Doodling takes on new meaning when it has purpose and a goal. And with courses in “mindfulness” and meditation popping up everywhere, meld the two and a new art form is created! The Zentangle art form is a registered trademark, that uses a specific technique and small tiles to create mosaics of line drawings, free form or planned.

BAYarts instructor Melissa Moon, who teaches Zentangle-inspired courses at BAYarts, says, “the beauty of Zentangles is that even beginners produce stunning results. The technique itself is as challenging as you choose to make it.”

The process is likened to artistic meditation as one becomes completely engrossed in making each pattern, deliberately focusing on one stroke at a time. The creative options and pattern combinations are boundless and ego-less. There is no feeling of I can't do this or am I a good enough artist. The method is designed to increase focus and creativity, providing a sense of satisfaction and personal well being. Many classes start out with deep breathing exercises to “let go” before you begin to create beautiful patterns that ultimately play harmoniously together.

School-aged students become engaged and focused, adult students describe letting go of stress and noticing how surprisingly happy they feel at the end of class. Rulers, straight edges, or other mechanical aids are not used in Zentangle. It's just you and your pen. Color can be added or not. Either way, the consensus is that there is a feeling of relaxation and accomplishment when you are done. For information on Zentangle-inspired classes at BAYarts, visit bayarts.net. ●



A Zentangle-inspired design by BAYarts instructor Melissa Moon.

LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Enjoy a day ‘under the stars’ April 25 at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

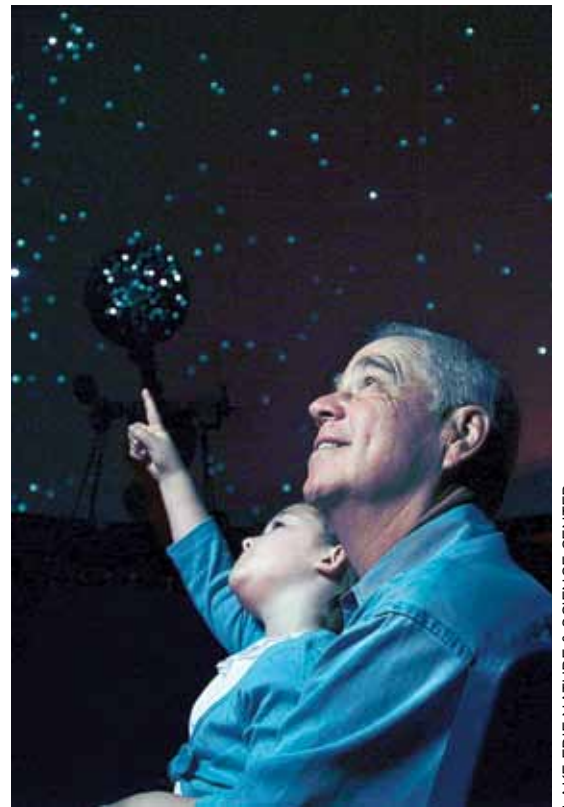
by WENDY HANNA

Families are invited to explore constellations, the sky's connect-the-dots, at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's Family Astronomy Day. On Saturday, April 25, guests will enjoy a planetarium show created especially for this event as well as several hands-on activities throughout the Center.

“We love our Family Astronomy Days,” says Catherine Timko, the Center's executive director. “They give parents, grandparents and children of all ages a wonderful opportunity to learn and explore together.”

Activities and planetarium shows will be running from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4/ person for those ages two and older and include the planetarium program as well as all activities. Advance registration is available through the Center's website, www.lensc.org, but is not required.

The Walter R. Schuele Planetarium at the Center was completely transformed last year and reopened to the public in June 2014. Upon reopening, programming was expanded and now includes Family Astronomy Days each quarter. Past events were very well-received and highlighted the moon, sun and galaxies. ●



LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Guests of all ages will enjoy Family Astronomy Day at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center on April 25.

New gardens sprouting up at BAYarts

by NANCY HEATON

There are other art centers and there are other parks. But there is no other art center that is located in Cleveland Metroparks or one that is surrounded by a botanical paradise right here on the west side. BAYarts gardens are designed by artist and Bay Village landscape designer Julia Shutt, who sees the campus as an artist would see a canvas, having many elements that connect to create one harmonious flow. With her partner, Byron, their company Maple Leaf Landscaping is responsible



for all the heavy lifting, installation and seasonal maintenance, while BAYarts volunteers lovingly keep everything in check.

What makes this unique garden mosaic come together is the generous funding by individuals or groups wishing to show support for the growing BAYarts community or to honor a loved one in a meaningful way. Each garden has special meaning and unique stories to tell.

The Casey Coleman Garden, located

in the heart of the campus, is named for the popular sports figure and features seats from the original Browns Stadium. His family and friends visit often, sitting where Casey loved to perch and take in the view.

The Ruth Purdy-Leslie Garden, a memorial for everyone's favorite Bay Village art teacher is as colorful as she was and is lovingly tended by her sister-in-law and BAYarts volunteer Linda Purdy.

The Welcome Garden, a gift of the Bay Village Foundation, does just that, welcomes you as you enter the campus, with warm colors and a vintage bench.

The winding hands that seems to sprout up from the center of the sculpture garden were created by Bay High art students from a toppled fir tree, fitting so perfectly with the surrounding trees and meandering paths. There's also a butterfly garden, a bird garden and a

wildflower garden.

Not a day goes by when a new visitor to the campus doesn't say, “I had no idea, it's so beautiful here.” And it's about to get more beautiful.

For the first time since the completion of the Fuller House in 2010, several new gardens will be installed, once again by Maple Leaf Landscaping, around the recently completed Karen Ryel Ceramic Arts & Education Center. The new building has a deck, ADA accessibility ramp, surrounding patios and paths that will connect the campus buildings, opening up new possibilities for fresh garden beds.

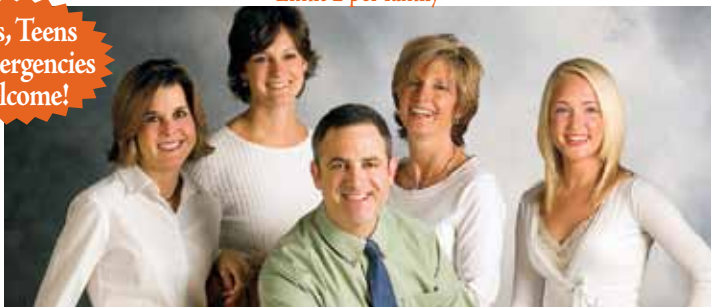
Naming rights are a meaningful and lasting way to create a special place to honor someone or just to show appreciation for nature and the canvas that is the BAYarts campus. For information, contact Nancy@bayarts.net. ●

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HUMOR

DROP what you're doing...

by KATHY LUENGO

... As long as it's not holding your kid over a cheetah pit, or salvaging your smartphone for trade-in, as not to **drop a bundle**.

ThisWBVO exclusive recounts how late in the morning of April 14 an area resident was seen running toward the easternmost entry-way of the Westlake Post Office. Midway across the main lane, her smartphone suddenly went airborne, landing smack on the pavement behind her. At first, the older lady appeared relieved to see the phone and its protective case intact.

While on her way to retrieve it, she noticed a large, white, high-octane, high-horsepower SUV barreling down the main drive-way and its driver was about to "hang a Louie" in her direction. Initially, this caused her to **drop back** from her course, but in a last-

ditch effort to retrieve her phone, she daringly stepped forward and motioned for the driver to stop.

When it was evident that the SUV wasn't braking, the last glimmer of hope to save the smartphone was that the vehicle's wide wheel base and position in the lane would be sufficient to clear a device narrow enough to fit in the palm of one's hand. For a fleeting moment, those present at the scene could have **heard a pin drop**.

But **jaws dropped** as the vehicle's front right tire rolled as squarely over the phone as if the maneuver were intentional. One empathetic passer-by expressed disbelief that the driver made no effort to stop.

*What else could have been done? Logic dictates that diving after the phone with a **drop and roll** wasn't in the cards; most anyone obviously eligible for a "Golden Buckeye Card" has successfully skirted such dangerous stunts.*

The 55+er then gingerly dialed out, carefully avoiding glass splinters from the phone's shattered screen. The call actually completed! It

could have been to the police, but then again, not. Individuals in her age group grew up during a time when taking responsibility for one's actions was more commonplace than it is today so she likely shouldered her smartphone's loss.

Now to **drop a hint** about the rest of the story: lessons learned are about to **drop from the sky**.

But, first, let's rewind the tape, this time substituting the senior citizen with a young mother crossing the lane with toddlers in tow. Unbeknownst to mom, one of the wee bairns drops a binky, dolly, or stuffed bunny, and wriggles loose to retrieve it. This adaptation dictates that the outcome could be significantly more life-altering (or ending) than that of a crushed smartphone.

As for every driver who obliviously plows through parking lots, now hear this: you might get away with rolling over a phone, but you're taking a much bigger chance than that. Do you think Golden Buckeye Card discounts are accepted at prison commissaries? You might find out someday.

There's no better time than now – April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, after all – to ask all drivers to please take heed: conditions can change at the **drop of a hat**. Don't **drop your guard** behind the wheel (or your kid into a cheetah pit!). ●

SENIOR LIVING

Knickerbocker residents spring into action

by KAREN BROOKS

The long winter is behind us and the seniors at the Knickerbocker Residence in Bay Village are ready to break out. The courtyard has been decorated by longtime resident Chuck McKee and everyone is looking forward to the upcoming blooms.

The Knickerbocker seniors have gathered for an Indians Home Opener Dinner on Friday, April 10, and for an Easter celebration put on by the Bay Presbyterian congregation on April 12. Everyone was so appreciative of the wonderful meal that was presented.

Bay Village is just full of wonderful neighbors. ●



Spring art project by Knickerbocker residents Josephine Alexander, Mary Veradi and Shirlee Mangan are bursting with color.



Residents Ron Lorenz, Shirley Weitzel and Bruce Leigh enjoy a dinner celebrating the Indians' home opener.

PHOTOS BY KAREN BROOKS

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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Friends of Bay Village Library book sale April 25-28

by LINDA LAMB

The spring used book sale at the Bay Village branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library will run from Saturday, April 25, through Tuesday, April 28, during regular library hours. The sale closes Tuesday evening

at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Bay Village Library.

Proceeds from the sale support various library activities. There is a wide range of children, teen and adult books as well as DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, magazines and more. All have been categorized by subject for easy shop-

ping. Tuesday is bag day when a bag full of books can be purchased for \$1. Bags are supplied by the Friends.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Library Friends group or volunteering to help with the book sales, please call the library at 440-871-6392 or stop by the branch at 502 Cahoon Road. ●

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BAY VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

Hopefully our April showers will produce some beautiful May flowers. As you get ready to tend to your gardens, stop by the Bay Village Branch Library to check out our gardening books. Whether you're looking to plant a vegetable garden, need landscaping ideas, or want to find deer resistant plants and flowers, the library has a variety of books on these topics and more.

And, if you're looking for green alternatives to toxic landscaping products, join us for the Green Cleaning Workshop for Inside and Out on Wednesday, April 29, at 7 p.m. For more information on this and other programs, please see the list below.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Storytimes: Caregivers and their children are invited to enjoy rhymes, songs, fingerplays, books and stories together. No registration is required. Our storytimes will be on hiatus for the month of May. Please join us again in June.

- **Monday, April 27 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – For caregivers

and their children ages 19-35 months.

- **Tuesday, April 28 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesday, April 28 (1:30 p.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten).
- **Wednesday, April 22 and 29 (9:30 a.m.) BABY & ME STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages birth to 18 months.
- **Thursday, April 23 and 30 (11 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten).
- **Thursday, April 23 and 30 (7 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – For children of all ages with a caregiver.
- **Friday, April 24 (9:30 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – For children of all ages and a caregiver.

Saturday, May 2 (11 a.m.) SUPERHERO PARTY – It's a Superhero Party to celebrate National Comic Book Day! Everyone gets a free comic book and

will celebrate with games that test your super powers. Children and families are encouraged to dress in costume.

Saturday, May 2 (2 p.m.) BATTLE OF THE SUPERHERO BOTS! – Students in grades 4-8: Who's your favorite superhero? Using LEGO MindStorms, program a robot to compete in challenges against other superhero bots. Who can rescue the damsel from the grips of the villains? Who's the toughest? Free comic books for all participants! Registration required.

Wednesday, May 6 (9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.) PLAY, LEARN AND GROW – Children up to age 5 are invited to this casual, informative program. Learn about the latest toys that are available from our Toy Library and rotate through the many hands on play stations to stimulate your little one's mind. Char Shryock, director of curriculum and instruction at Bay Schools who created "Word Play Around Bay," will be on hand as a resource person. Registration is required.

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.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, April 29 (7 p.m.) GREEN CLEANING WORKSHOP FOR INSIDE AND OUT – Replace toxic cleaning and landscaping products with safe alternatives you can make from everyday household ingredients. Protect yourself, your family, your pets, and our local watersheds from harmful chemicals! This workshop is free but interested participants will have the opportunity to make two green cleaners to take home and try for \$10. Registration required by April 22; contact Amy Roskilly at 216-524-6580, ext. 22, or email aroskilly@cuyahogawcd.org. Sponsored in collaboration with the Bay Village Green Team.

Please register to attend any programs online at www.cuyahogalibrary.org or call 440-871-6392 or stop in at 502 Cahoon Road. ●

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

League of Women Voters urges passage of Westlake City Schools' levy

The Westlake-North Olmsted Chapter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland endorses Issue 5, a 1-mill levy for the Westlake City Schools. We urge Westlake voters to vote "YES" on May 5 (or by absentee ballot before that date) to protect their already-substantial investment in the schools and to assure that technology needs and building repairs are adequately funded. The issue should bring in about \$1.3 million per year, with an annual cost to homeowners of \$35 per \$100,000 of valuation.

This levy will provide Westlake schools with a dedicated funding stream to maintain buildings and equipment while continuing the high-quality academic programs the community expects. Its proceeds will be used for "permanent" expenditures – those with an expected useful life of five years or more. The school district's operating funds from the state have been reduced \$14.9 million over the past 10 years. Although the

district has worked hard to overcome this loss, the juggling act should not be expected go on forever.

The City of Westlake now has the seventh-lowest residential and the fifth-lowest commercial property tax rate among 80 taxing districts within Cuyahoga County, according to Mayor Dennis Clough. Superintendent Geoff Palmer has noted that Westlake's school taxes are the third lowest in Cuyahoga County and can be expected to remain so upon passage of this levy.

Westlake is considered one of the most stable housing markets in the U.S. We believe Westlake's citizens should declare solid support for its educational enterprise by approving Issue 5 on May 5.

– Jean Seasholtz and Carole Koscielny Co-Chairs, Westlake/North Olmsted Chapter, League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland

Issue 5 necessary for school, community success

Westlake City School District has a 1.0 mill Permanent Improvement Levy (PI), Issue 5, on the May 5 ballot. A PI Levy raises funds for capital usage only. PI monies will be spent on items such as:

Buildings & Furnishings – Fixed Equipment: roofs, windows, masonry, plumbing, electrical, furniture, security cameras, security and access systems, etc.

Site Development: asphalt, concrete, landscaping, drainage, field repairs and upkeep, security fencing, lighting.

Technology Improvements: computers, wireless access, switches, printers, projectors, servers, etc.

PI monies cannot be spent on salaries or benefits. Issue 5 will allow the Westlake community to protect its investment in the new schools as well as maintain aging elementary schools.

Westlake residents understand the importance of maintaining their property. Issue 5 is good business for the schools and our Westlake residents.

Issue 5 will cost taxpayers \$35 per \$100,000 home valuation. The average homeowner will pay approximately \$80/year. Westlake will remain the third lowest in school taxes in Cuyahoga County even with the passage of Issue 5.

I ask for you to vote FOR Issue 5 by absentee ballot or at the polls on May 5. I urge you to obtain information regarding the schools and the PI from credible sources, not anonymous letters or emails. The facts can be found at wlake.org or westlakelevy.com.

– Cris Kennedy
Chair, Citizens for Westlake Schools

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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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.

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

North Coast Chapter of Embroiderers' Guild of America Meeting

The group will be working on a small hardanger project taught by several members.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30-7 p.m.

Brainwaves & Healing

Join us for a 30-minute introduction on how a change in your brainwaves can heal your body, create your life, and transform your world! Free event, open to all. This workshop is conducted by Rajeev Ahluwalia, a certified ThetaHealing practitioner.

Fairview Park Gemini Center, Oak Room, 21225 Lorain Rd.

Thursday, April 23, 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 "Public Policy Implication of Brain Science."

Tri-C Corporate College West, Room 109, 25425 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Thursday, April 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion: J.M. Coetzee & the Politics of Writing

Emerging from a recent international conference on Nobel laureate J.M. Coetzee, the three panel presenters will explore Coetzee's fiction, and their presentations will be followed by open discussions of his most recent work. Panelists: Mike Piero, assistant professor of English; Josh Kesterson, Tri-C alumnus and John Carroll student; Kyle Serenas, Tri-C Creative Writers Club president. Free and open to the public. No reservation required.

Tri-C Westshore Campus, Room 112, 31001 Clemens Rd., Westlake

Thursday, April 23, 6:30-8 p.m.

Navigating the New Frontier of Genetic Testing for Those Touched by Cancer

Learn about the importance of family history and new options for hereditary cancer genetic testing. Advance registration required, 216-595-9546.

The Gathering Place, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Saturday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Family Astronomy Day: Constellations

The whole family can celebrate the sky's connect-the-dots, constellations! Learn how to find the

brightest constellations in your own backyard, visit the planetarium, design your own star arrangement and even make a constellation you can eat! For all ages. Tickets are \$4/person.

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

Saturday, April 25, noon-2 p.m.

History Mystery Ride

Support the Village Bicycle Cooperative while enjoying a bike tour of the historical sites of Bay Village. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$3 per child, or bring the whole family for \$25. Register in advance or day of event at villagebicycle.org.

Village Bicycle Cooperative, 303 Cahoon Rd.

Sunday, April 26, 10-11:30 a.m.

Grandparents Day: Gone Fishing

Grandparents and grandkids alike will enjoy sharing this special day. Meet some animals that love to eat fish, take in a planetarium show, join forces on a scavenger hunt to learn about all the fish the Center has on display, play a fishy game, make a fishy craft and more. For grandparents and their grandchildren up to age 7. This event is free for members; \$5/person ages 2+ for nonmembers. Advance registration required, 440-871-2900 or lensc.org.

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

Monday, April 27, 11 a.m.

Easing into Roses

Bill and Anita Solarz, consulting rosarian chairs of the Buckeye District of the American Rose Society, will talk about the basics of growing roses and provide suggestions on where to start and what roses to grow. Luncheon served; \$5 fee for guests. Guests please make reservations at bayvillagegardenclub.com or by calling 440-937-8125.

Bay Village Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

Tuesday, April 28, 6 p.m.

Westlake Schools' Levy Information Night

The final of four information nights about the 1-mill Permanent Improvement (PI) levy placed on the May 5 ballot to invest in the short- and long-term capital needs of the district:

Holly Lane Elementary, 3057 Holly Lane, Westlake

Wednesday, April 29, 6:30-8 p.m.

Drumming Retreat for Those Touched by Cancer

Join us for an evening of drumming and walking the labyrinth. Drums provided. For ages 18 and up. Advance registration required, 216-595-9546.

The Gathering Place, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Wednesday, April 29, 7 p.m.

Solutions for Picky Eaters and Problem Feeders

Whether you are worried about a child who just

won't eat vegetables or a child with a true feeding diagnosis, join us as we break into two groups for discussion about the specific issues your child is facing. Dr. Alice McIntyre from the Cleveland Clinic will lead a small group discussion on picky eating and Mary Lou Kennedy, OTR/L, Cleveland Clinic, will discuss strategies for more complex feeding problems. To register for the program and child care, visit connectingforkids.org/events.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, April 29, 7:30-9 p.m.

The State of Municipal and School Financing: Tax Abatements

The third forum in the LWV's spring series will focus on one means to attract new businesses and housing. Robert Simons, CSU Urban Affairs Professor, will discuss the theory of tax abatements and how they affect cities and schools differentially. Mayors Eileen Patton of Fairview Park and Dennis Clough of Westlake will discuss their cities' experiences with abatements.

Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fantastic Family Fun Day

Activities, entertainment, and refreshments for children with special needs, especially autism, to enjoy themselves along with their family and friends. The day's events will include Flower Clown, live animals with Jungle Terry (12 p.m. show), Euclid Beach Rocket rides, cookout with burgers and hot dogs, bounce houses, family swims (must sign up in advance) and more. Admission of \$15 for the entire family includes all activities, lunch and refreshments. To register, visit achievementcenters.org or call 216-292-9700, ext. 226.

Achievement Centers for Children, 24211 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Sunday, May 3, 7:30-9 p.m.

The West Shore Chorale & Orchestra Present Beethoven's Mass in C

Join the West Shore Chorale & Orchestra for an evening of choral masterworks including Beethoven's Mass in C (Opus 86) and excerpts from Bach's Cantata 11, "Lobet Gott in seinen Reichen." Student singers from Westlake HS and other local schools will be joining the Chorale for this exciting intergenerational program. Tickets \$15, students of all ages are free. Purchase at the door, online at westshorechorale.org or call 216-373-7773. Parking is free and handicap accessible.

Magnificat Center for the Performing Arts, 20770 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River

May 4-May 8, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;

May 9, 7:30 a.m.-noon

Westlake Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Westlake residents only. No businesses, churches or schools. Accepted materials: oil- or solvent-

based paints, sealers, primers, coatings, paint thinner, spray paint, pesticides, herbicides, motor oil, car batteries, mercury, fluorescent light bulbs. Not accepted: latex paint, medical waste, explosives, tires, electronics. For a complete list, visit www.cityofwestlake.org. Call the Service Center at 440-835-6432 for more information.

Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Rd.

Monday, May 4, 9-10:30 a.m.

Coffee with the Westlake Superintendent

Westlake Schools Superintendent Geoff Palmer invites community members for coffee and an informal opportunity to discuss important school issues. Superintendent Palmer is hosting the community coffees to provide another avenue for community members to ask questions, offer input and learn more about the school district in a small group setting. Those attending are welcome to come and go at any time during the specified timeframe.

Panera Bread, 26137 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, May 6, 1-2:30 p.m.

Family History Research Help

Members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will offer free family history research assistance to the public. Please bring pedigree and/or family group sheets.

Westlake Porter Public Library, Computer Lab, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

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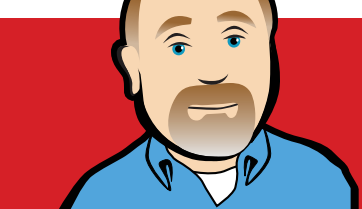


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