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A prayer of
hope and
remembrance

Four-year-old Ryan Brediger of Westlake says a prayer in front of the luminaria honoring her grandfather, Bill Hackenberg, who was lost to cancer in 2013, at the Westshore Relay for Life on May 30. The annual event was moved from the Westlake High track into the school's gym due to the threat of thunderstorms.

Bay's Aqua Girls rank second in Destination Imagination finals

by KAREN DERBY

Competing with dozens of teams from Singapore, Turkey, Korea, Qatar and other countries, as well as from many states across the U.S., the Aqua Girls of Bay Middle School earned a second-place rank in their category at the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee, in May. Two more teams from Bay Village Schools also competed at the event following a Destination

Imagination season that drew 20 teams from the Bay Village City Schools competing at the regional level.

This was the Aqua Girls' fourth visit to the Global Finals competition that focuses on creativity, problem solving and teamwork. Members Eliza Aleksandrovic, Grace Chilton, Caroline Fowles, Ava Ransom, Audrey Ray, Olivia Reed and Patty Yuhas beat their own goal of finishing in the top ten by getting to second place.

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Destination Bay!
is coming June 13
A COMMUNITY FEST FOR ALL
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Former Browns coach inspires at golf outing

by MICHAELA KEKEDY

Golfers and lunch attendees laughed and were inspired by insights derived from the legendary career of former Cleveland Browns head coach Sam Rutigliano during Westside Christian Academy's annual benefit golf outing and luncheon on May 18 at Lakewood Country Club in Westlake.

"We've polluted the air with profanity and call it 'expression.'"



PHOTO BY DONNA TANNER

Former Cleveland Browns head coach Sam Rutigliano.

Prior to Rutigliano's introduction by WCA Headmaster Jim Whiteman, students made short presentations to help emphasize some features of a classical Christian education. The seventh- and eighth-grade girls choir sang followed by a group of three boys who recited from memory the entire twelfth chapter of the book of Romans in the Bible.

Then the former NFL and NCAA head football coach, who led the Cleveland Browns from 1978-1984 during the famed "Kardiac Kids" era and was named NFL Coach of the Year two years in a row, began sharing the wisdom garnered from decades of leadership in the short phrases that delight audiences whenever he speaks:

"If your 'A' game isn't there every Sunday, do something else."

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Summer arrives in Westlake with ice cream

by DAVE PFISTER

You know summer has arrived when the Westlake Historical Society hosts their annual ice cream social. The society invites you to an old-fashioned ice cream social on Friday, June 5, 6-8:30 p.m. It will be held on the lawn of the historic Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Road.

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

Capt. Guy Turner of the Westlake Police Department will be our guest docent for the evening. He will lead guided tours of the Clague House Museum.

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

The Clague family was known for their hospitality.

The Westlake Historical Society continues that tradition with this popular event. The museum store will be open for you to peruse as well during the social.

The farm was established by the



PHOTO BY DAVE PFISTER

The Clague family homestead will serve as the scenic setting for the Westlake Historical Society's annual ice cream social on June 5.

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

For more information about the Westlake Historical Society, please visit: www.westlakeohiohistory.org. or call the society 216-848-0680. You may also find us on Facebook. ♦



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RUTIGLIANO

from front page

“What can be misunderstood will be misunderstood.”

“There’s no ‘I’ in team but two in ‘idiot.’”

“We’ve polluted the air with profanity and call it ‘expression.’”

After leaving the Browns, Rutigliano held sports analyst positions with NBC Sports and ESPN. He spent 11 years as head coach at Liberty University and three seasons coaching in NFL Europe for Spain, Scotland and Germany. Since his return to Cleveland, sports fans have followed his work as an analyst with several of the Cleveland networks.

He recalled a time that he spoke at the Football Hall of Fame on the theme of “Heroes and Character.” He had told the audience that “talent is God-given, character is a choice.”

“Good character is like soup; it is homemade,” he said, emphasizing that building character takes work and cannot be mass produced. “What you do speaks so loudly that I can’t hear what you say,” he added.

To underscore the importance of making a difference in the lives of others, he spoke of the literacy program for children of his Coach Sam’s Inner Circle Foundation, which was started originally to assist professional football players struggling with drug addiction. Currently in two inner-city elementary schools in Cleveland, plans are to begin working in a third school soon. The goal is to be in six schools. He cited statistics that show children who do not have reading proficiency by the third grade are at higher risk of dropping out of school before their high school graduation and of being incarcerated during their lifetime.

Known for his strong faith, Rutigliano left the audience with words of encouragement that help him as he knows he has more years behind him than ahead of him in life.

“I don’t know what the future holds but I know Who holds it,” he said. ●

WHS junior aces ACT

by KIM BONVISSUTO

WHS junior Alex Ikezawa is the fourth student from Westlake High School this year to score a perfect 36 on the ACT.

Alex is an all-state violinist and assistant concertmaster of the Contemporary Youth Orchestra in Cleveland, the only youth orchestra in the United States dedicated to the study and performance of contemporary orchestral literature. He is

also vice president of the WHS orchestra and is part of the instrumental cover band “ATLAS” with friends.

In addition to his musical talents, Alex is the incoming co-president of the National Honor Society and is a member of WHS Student Council.

Alex said he plans to eventually student engineering, possibly biomedical engineering, or will go into the medical field in the future.

Previous perfect ACT scores were earned by seniors Cal Craven and Kartik Dhinakaran, and sophomore Alex Lathem. ●

Bay Village Foundation holds annual ceremony

The Bay Village Foundation held its Memorial Day program at Cahoon Park, recognizing special residents, students and civic groups. A bronze plaque was unveiled honoring former Mayor Henry Reese and his wife, Helen. Scholarships were given to three Bay High students and grants were awarded to: Village Project, Youth Challenge, BAYarts, Bay Interfaith Housing (Knickerbocker), Bay Village Community Band, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center and Village Bicycle Cooperative. ●



The Bay Village Foundation’s three scholarship recipients this year were Katie Koomar, Jessica Mosier and Katherine Kerka.



The newest plaque to be installed on the T. Richard Martin footbridge in Cahoon Park will honor Henry and Helen Reese. Pictured are event emcee Jon Loufman, Wayne Reese, Jeanne Reese and outgoing Bay Village Foundation President Eileen Vernon.

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AQUA GIRLS

from front page

Other Bay Village teams at the finals included Bay High students Jessica Bohannon, Jessica Perri and Olivia Risch; and Westerly Elementary students James Chilton, Annie Davenport, James Fowles, Patrick Lehane, Finn Meadows, Maeve Ransom and Iain Ray.

Attendance at this international event, earned by competing at regional and then state levels, is a rare opportunity to interact with students from across the U.S. and from all over the world. Language did not seem to be much of a barrier to students as they traded team-designed and state-designed pins, a popular activity that encouraged students to talk with one another. "Our team chose a pin using Abraham Lincoln's image," said Caroline Fowles. "We chose it because it was the 150th anniversary of his assassination."

The teams all competed in English, and students found that no matter where people came from, English was the universal language at the Global Finals. Fluency varied, though, and at least one team was spotted using a translator phone app as they rehearsed. "I traded pins one time using another kid as a translator," said Patty Yuhas.

After years of experience, the girls, who start working together each August, no longer waste time working on a challenge before their strategy is complete. "We learn a lot by studying other teams

at the Global Finals and the State Finals," said Ava Ransom. The team will often compete at the regional level, tweak their presentation for the state level, and then tweak it again before the global level.

"But we are learning to save time by making better decisions at the start," said Audrey Ray. "Six new challenges are offered each year, and we choose knowing we have limited time. We know now, for example, that challenges including a service requirement take a lot of time!"

"We've worked hard as a team and gotten to know each other," added Eliza Aleksandrovic. "This has made us really close. You need to trust that your team members will do their part."

Students stayed at the University of Tennessee in dormitory rooms, and food was served in the cafeteria as well as a large, dining tent. Students visited booths hosted by representatives from NASA, 3M, Disney and other corporate sponsors of the event. A highlight was hearing former astronaut (and second man to step foot on the moon) Buzz Aldrin speak at the opening ceremonies.

Aqua Girls participated in the competition's Feary Tales challenge, requiring a true blend of artistic creativity and problem-solving skills. This group had to create a fairy tale about a character that faces and deals with a phobia, and



Team Aqua Girls, with their second-place medals, from left: (front) Caroline Fowles, Eliza Aleksandrovic, Audrey Ray, Olivia Reed; (back) team manager Kim Ray, Grace Chilton, Ava Ransom, Patty Yuhas and team manager Michele Moore.

they wrote one of their own about a chameleon that felt like he blended in so couldn't make a difference. The fairy tale was presented through a puppet show. The team had to create a functional artwork that served a practical function, and they created a rainbow drawbridge. Another requirement was to create an illusion, and the girls had their story author blend into a tree by wearing a costume, then step out as the tree trunk is raised to reveal the author. Lights, colors, magnets and other technical elements created a magical presentation staying within the strict criteria and guidelines of the challenge.

The girls are finding that as they get older, other activities like sports and service projects are competing for the significant amount of time they must spend to have a winning Destination Imagination team. "We have something others don't have," said Grace Chilton, referring to the years the girls have teamed up together. "The teamwork and the ability to work together really stands out. It's our friendship, though, that is the most important thing to me. There is no other way I would like to spend my Friday nights!"

The team managers are Michele Moore and Kim Ray, and the student advisor is Marian Harmount. ●

HUMOR

Spring chores, more chores!

by KATHY LUENGO

Chances are good that whoever coined: "A man may work from sun to sun but a woman's work is never done," neither hailed from Westlake nor Bay, nor lived in recent times, and definitely had no concept of gender equality.

But this "old chestnut" applies to many residents – regardless of gender – in our neighboring communities. Some work truly is never done. In springtime, especially, we may find ourselves caught in a tug-of-war between everything

requiring attention indoors and out.

Early on, it was necessary to clear the last of autumn's leaves (particularly from oaks.) We are now contending with a phenomenal quantity of maple seeds ("helicopters") littering our landscaping, covering our patios and jamming our gutters. While trees are beneficial, they certainly can be messy! (Cottonwood, anyone?)

There's no shortage of lawns in Westlake and Bay; despite May's rain deficit, grass has been growing like gangbusters! Regardless of whether we do our own mowing or hire it out, weekly springtime mowing doesn't always cut it. Depending on how lawns are fed, two or three passes per week may be warranted.

How many area residents are fretting between yard work and housework at this time of year? On one hand, if we fail to plant tomatoes in a timely fashion, fall's first frost will cut the yields short, but

on the other hand, as we're attending to the chores outdoors, we know that those pesky dust bunnies are having a field day inside our homes!

Dusting's another chore that's never done! We raise dust while we dust and airborne particles won't land until after we've left the room. In a couple days' time it looks as if nobody's dusted for weeks! (Should your results be different, please drop a line to the editor or contribute a column to share your success story with all! Consider it a public service!)

How about laundry? It's never completely done, so should anybody tell you that they finished their "wash," the conclusion is that they must have been doing it in the buff!

Almost, but not quite on the "never done" work list is keeping our cars spotless and shiny. Whether you wash it at home, or frequent one of the local carwashes, your vehicle may be showroom-

clean, but not for long. Why?

– the birds are watching for their favorite targets

– the bugs will be going splat on windshields (in larger quantities) soon

– the drive home from the carwash is full of dust-filled treachery, especially around construction zones. (Landscapers with powerful leaf-blowers may also spew dust and dirt in your direction.)

– pollen, pollen, pollen! (Thankfully, tree pollen season should be pretty much over. Remember our yellowy-green coated cars?)

There are exceptions, though: highly polished cars that seem to defy all odds! Calling area auto buffs: as with the earlier appeal to those who've mastered the "art of dusting," if you're willing to share your secret for keeping your "chariot" immaculate for more than a block or two, it please tell the WBVO how you do it!

Ah, spring! ●



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Labyrinth at St. Barnabas Church in Bay Village an answer to prayer

by SARAH SHOFSTALL

Christians have been walking labyrinths as a spiritual practice for hundreds of years. The use of labyrinths has waned at times, but has been growing in the United States over the last 50 years.

For the past three years the people at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Bay Village have had the dream that they would be able to build a labyrinth some day. In the summer of 2014, the church developed a Prayer Walk around the building, a white stone path for prayer and meditation. As that path was being completed, a stranger stopped by the church and asked if there was going to be a labyrinth and was told that there was a dream of a labyrinth, but that it would likely be several years before dream became a reality. A few days later the stranger returned with a generous donation and said, "Maybe 'some day' can come sooner than you thought."

The labyrinth at St. Barnabas, masterfully crafted by Byron Shutt of Maple Leaf Landscaping, is located outdoors, on the east side of the building, along the Prayer Path. Its size and pattern are adapted from the design of an early 13th century labyrinth in the

cathedral at Chartres, France. It will welcome quiet, prayerful visitors at any time during daylight hours.

St. Barnabas will be offering programs to teach about the spiritual practice of walking a labyrinth. The first program will be on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. until noon. This class is open to the public.

While a labyrinth looks very much like a maze, its purpose is quite different. A maze is a puzzle, usually with tricks or dead ends; a labyrinth is a continuous path that leads to the center and then leads back out. There are

no tricks, no dead ends. The intent is that those following the path inward are moving closer to God at the center and then returning to the world to do God's work.

Landscaping, artwork and signage are still being developed, but those wanting to walk this sacred path are welcome now. ●



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church received a donation to install a labyrinth on its grounds.

Bay Legion to retire flags

by JIM POTTER

As part of the 2015 Flag Day Ceremonies, the Bay Village American Legion Post #385 will retire old, torn or faded flags on Friday, June 12, at 6 p.m. The Post home at 695 Cahoon Road, Westlake, next to the White Oaks Restaurant, will be the location of the retirement.

Citizens can place their old flags in the red, white and blue box next to the front door of the Post home. The flags are retired using exacting military procedures. Each year the Post retires over 300 flags as part of their Flag Day and Veterans Day programs. ●



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Jim Potter, Ron Lundmark and Tom Reddy prepare flags for retirement.

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Westlake Kiwanis present first community service award

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis awarded the first ever William E. Sifritt Community Service Award to Alex Krystynak on Monday, May 18, at Westlake City Hall. Westlake Kiwanis President-elect George Christ presented the award to Alex who is a senior at Westlake High School. Mayor Dennis Clough also presented Alex with a proclamation declaring May 18, 2015, "Alex Krystynak Day" in the city of Westlake.

Alex is the vice president of Key Club, Scout Weblo Pack 98 assistant leader, a member of the Cleveland Police Outreach Group, photographer for the Westlake High School newspaper, a member of the Westshore Emergency Response Team (CERT), Key Leader and a lifeguard at the Westlake Recreation Center.

Alex's call to service to his community and his peers, coupled with his enthusiastic energy to be of service to others, earned him the recognition of being the recipient of the Kiwanis Community Service Award named for William E. Sifritt, longtime Westlake Kiwanian. Alex's name is the first on the plaque which will hang in the rotunda of Westlake City Hall.

If you would like to join an active volunteer group – the Westlake Kiwanis – and giving back to your community on many worthwhile projects, please contact George Christ at 440-871-3980 or gchrist44140@yahoo.com. ●



Alex Krystynak receives a proclamation from Westlake mayor Dennis Clough.

PHOTO BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI



Bay Village Kiwanis Club members organized a weekend landscaping work party recently at the home of Michelle Radke. Her husband Peter's heroic attempt to rescue a 13-year-old girl resulted in his drowning death at Huntington Beach a year ago on Memorial Day. From left, Kiwanians Tom Mullee, Foster McMasters, Jim Potter, Mrs. Peter Radke, Tom Johnson, Steve Slane and Patrick Mosier.

Bay Kiwanians say thanks with yard work for family of lost Huntington Beach hero

by TOM JOHNSON

Bay Village Kiwanians traveled to Medina recently for a spring yard clean-up work party at the home of Michelle Radke, whose husband, Peter, 42, lost his life at Huntington Beach a year ago on Memorial Day, in a bid to rescue a drowning 13-year-old out-of-state girl, who was ultimately saved by other swimmers. Michelle is now raising children Hannah, Brynn, Owen and Isaac alone in their Medina home.

To quote from the Ohio

Senate resolution honoring Mr. Radke, "Peter Radke's family can, indeed, be proud of his legacy ... he selflessly swam to help a girl who was experiencing trouble while swimming in Lake Erie, and sadly, he did not return from the water. As demonstrated by this noble act, he gave generously of his time, abilities and enthusiasm far beyond what was required or expected and displayed exemplary humanitarian concerns."

Other resolutions followed from Governor Kasich, who wrote Mrs. Radke a personal letter, and the Ohio House of

Representatives. Numbers of Northern Ohio civic organizations found ways to help the Radke family.

Nationally, Kiwanis Clubs, whose motto is "Saving the World One Child and One Community at a Time," honored Mr. Radke with their annual award for heroism on behalf of children, the Robert P. Connelly Medal. Bay Kiwanis Past President Jim Potter, who organized the Medina work party, said, "Helping the Radke family is a pleasure. Peter Radke embodies every virtue that Kiwanians strive for." ●

West Shore Chamber names student achievement award winner

by ANDREW MANGELS

At the May 12 West Shore Chamber of Commerce meeting Aswin Bikkani was named the 2015 Student Achievement Award winner for his volunteer work at Cuyahoga Community College Westshore Campus.

The Student Achievement Award recognizes business members and the student employees or volunteers that show an exemplary work ethic. The award is presented by the Chamber's Education Committee and sponsored by First Federal Lakewood which provided a \$50 gift card to Aswin in recognition of the award.

Aswin was nominated by Westshore Campus President Terri Pope for his work with the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for Community College Students. He collaborated with a team to develop and implement a "Health for the

Holiday" health and wellness fair for the campus and community.

He worked on many other projects including Honors Case Study Challenge, Cohort Leadership Program and the Competitive Edge Program. During his tenure, the Phi Theta Kappa chapter received certification of Five-Star status, the Catch a Shining Star Award for Outstanding Scholarship Participation, and finished second place in the College Project competition.

Aswin, a member of the Westlake High School class of 2015, was not available to attend the lunch as he was in Washington, D.C., participating in a White House Summit on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. On hand to accept the award was Aswin's mother, Vijaya Bikkani, and his grandfather, Krishna-Rao Attaluri, who is visiting from India. ●



Accepting the West Shore Chamber's 2015 Student Achievement Award for Aswin Bikkani are his mother, Vijaya Bikkani, and his grandfather, Krishna-Rao Attaluri, from Andrew Mangels of the Chamber's Education Committee.

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“I’ve always been interested in expanding treatment options offered to my patients,” says



Robert Kelly, MD

Dr. Kelly. “Integrative medicine is proven effective and has few side effects. It does not replace a treatment plan, but is used to enhance that plan.”

Integrative medicine emphasizes both conventional and complementary treatments to improve health and well-being. It offers a blend of the best of traditional western medicine and complementary (alternative) therapies, focusing on the safest and most effective treatment options. Examples include nutrition, exercise, mind-body practices such as stress reduction and relaxation techniques, herbal products and other supplements, attention to spirituality, and physical modalities like osteopathic manipulation and massage.

“Integrative medicine emphasizes prevention and helps people look at all factors in their lives that may influence health, wellness and disease,” says Dr. Kelly. “Benefits include reduced pain symptoms, enhanced immune function, reduced stress and a

reversal of the consequences of disease.”

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“We can offer patients a wide set of options,” Dr. Kelly says. All the recommendations will be shared with the patient’s primary physician.

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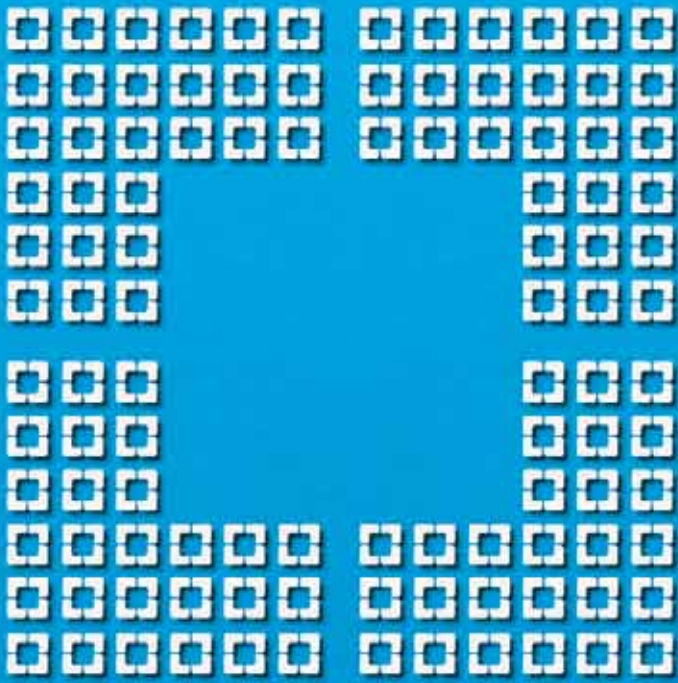
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SENIOR LIVING

A surprise wedding celebration

Residents of the Knickerbocker Apartments threw a surprise wedding reception for Michael and Cindy Shobey.

Michael and Cindy met while residing at the Knickerbocker. They were recently married in a quiet ceremony attended only by a few family members. The happy couple were pleasantly surprised by their neighbors at the Knickerbocker with a small reception, cake and gifts. The couple danced for the crowd and enjoyed a great start to their new life together. ●



Newlyweds Cindy and Michael Shobey enjoy a surprise reception from their neighbors at the Knickerbocker.

PHOTO BY KAREN BROOKS

LBMS students participate in national chemistry contest

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Six Lee Burneson Middle School students qualified for the “You Be The Chemist” challenge, an interactive academic competition that engages students in learning about important chemistry concepts, scientific discoveries and laboratory safety.

The students qualified for the competition by taking a written exam. All eighth-grade students participated in the exam. Those qualifying for local competition were Abby Rence, Albert

Zhou, Claire Brewer, Joseph Kneisel, Maisy Bogart and Jolie Bogart.

Some of the topics covered in the competition included atomic structure, periodic table, types of chemical reactions, properties and states of matter, chemical bonds and chemical reactions.

All six students advanced to the final round of competition held March 21 at The Lake House in Avon Lake. Abby Rence was selected as an alternate for the State Competition in Toledo held in April. ●



You Be The Chemist local qualifiers pictured with honors physical science teacher Mary Pat Kahler include Jolie Bogart, Maisy Bogart, Albert Zhou, Abby Rence, Claire Brewer and Joseph Kneisel.

Students share stories with seniors

For the fourth straight year the Gardens at Westlake senior living community hosted students from Avon Heritage South Elementary school for a Right to Read Week project. The students came on May 20 to read their stories to the residents.

The students brought their favorite books to read and some students brought books they wrote and illustrated. The 25 third-grade students had a great time, as did the residents of the Gardens at Westlake who enjoyed listening to the stories being read.



Gardens at Westlake resident Inge Meltser enjoys her time with a student from Avon Heritage South Elementary School.

After all the reading was done, it was time for refreshments and cookies to end the visit. The residents all stated, after the children had left, how they cannot wait for the children to return again. ●

Father proud of daughter at Relay for Life



Jennifer Rutkoski, in blue cap, carries the Relay for Life banner during the Survivors Lap at the Westlake High gym on May 30.

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

We took part in the Westshore Relay for Life on May 30. Our daughter Jennifer just finished 6-1/2 months of chemotherapy for colon cancer. She’s been such a strong lady. When she found out she had cancer and was going to have chemo, she didn’t complain or feel sorry for herself, she just said, “Well now I

can walk in the Relay for Life.” She not only walked the Survivors Lap, she led it carrying the banner. I had made it seven months with no tears, but they flowed during the march listening to Celine Dion singing “I’m Alive,” as Jennifer led the survivors walk. I can truly say there were no dry eyes in the house. My wife, Diane, asked me if her mascara was running and I said I couldn’t see – my eyes were so full of tears. ●



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THE DIGITAL WORLD

Broken TV gives chance to try new streaming service

by TAK SATO

As we near the halfway point of 2015 we continue to see new threats emerging in the digital world. To provide you with valuable tips, the Internet Street Smarts series will continue to be interspersed between issues.

Threats aside, there are countless benefits that can be reaped from utilizing digital world tools. As discussed earlier this spring, one of them is what is known as “cutting the cord.” Simply put it often refers to getting live TV programming through the internet instead of the traditional duopoly of cable TV or satellite services.

I had an opportunity recently to test out the SlingTV service from Dish Network. Although Dish Network, like its main competitor DirecTV, delivers TV programming via satellite, SlingTV is a streaming service that delivers programming through the internet. Streaming live TV programming is a nascent industry so the landscape is changing almost daily to give consumers more options.

Imagine our dismay when our TV gave up the ghost right when the series against Chicago Bulls started. Our spirits were further dampened when we learned that tickets to the “Watch Party” at The Q were sold out. Long story short, my friend invited us over to watch on his SlingTV!

Although I was interested to see the Cavs trounce the Bulls, I was equally interested in how well SlingTV performed. For reference his internet subscription gave him 15Mbps (megabits per second) download and 1Mbps upload speeds. Other factors affect the quality of the

live programming streamed to your TV. For example the number of simultaneously active internet connected devices in your household or how congested the internet or the site you are visiting is, just to name a few.

I was pleasantly surprised with what I saw. Earlier this spring, SlingTV had its share of challenges, most famously during March Madness, when they miscalculated the demands of their new subscribers tuning into a semi-finals game resulting in the inability for many to watch the second half of that game.

Needless to say they must have learned their lesson as games 2 and 3 of the series played nicely on his TV. There were about four times during each game where the programming froze for about 15 to 20 seconds each time. There were also some moments where the audio was out of sync but only noticeable during commercials or half-time shows. To be fair, though, I could not be certain whether it was the limit of my friend's internet speed or some other limiting factor.

Personally, though, those occasional hiccups didn't faze me. If I were to complement my ever-continuing cutting the cord adventure with a subscription to SlingTV and/or other “a la carte” programming (i.e. pay only for the channels I choose to watch) that should become available in the near future, I may opt to increase the speed of my internet service to compensate for more 0's and 1's traveling through the internet pipe to our house. ●

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

SPORTING VIEWS

Cavs MVP isn't LeBron

by JEFF BING

Let's get one thing straight right off the bat: The Cavs never would have made it to the NBA finals this year without LeBron James' return to Cleveland. There's no disputing that James is one of the NBA's best ever.

There is also no disputing that even with the return of LeBron, a healthy Kyrie Irving and the much ballyhooed arrival of Kevin Love, the Cavs were a team in trouble mid-January. They were stinking up the NBA with a record of 19-20, good for sixth place in the Eastern Conference seeding, and looked confused more often than not. There were rumors coach David Blatt had lost control of the team, and was perhaps even on the verge of being canned.

It seemed incredible that what had been considered a virtual lock for top seeding in the NBA playoffs was suddenly questionable in terms of even *making* the playoffs. LeBron appeared disinterested, Kyrie seemed more focused on his own stats than the team's, and Kevin often played as if he realized coming here was a *huge* mistake. In a nutshell, they were a sorry bunch.

This is when Cavs GM David Griffin, on the job for less than eight months, stepped in. In a period of less than a week, he swung deals which brought the beleaguered Cavs J.R. Smith, Iman Shumpert and Timofey Mozgov. After a short period of the new players getting acclimated to the system, the Cavs took off, and as they say, “the rest is history.”

The price was steep in terms of draft choices, but the return on investment has been nothing

short of remarkable. Each of the new players plays solid defense, and none can be overlooked when it comes to scoring. J.R. Smith is a scoring machine when he's on top of his game. It appears these players also brought with them a very real sense of purpose which, incredibly, seemed to be lacking prior to their arrival. The real MVP on this Cavs team – even though he's not a player – has to be David Griffin.

As is the case whenever a team goes deep into the playoffs, the Cavs have been getting significant contributions from virtually everyone. Seriously now, who out there thought Matthew Dellavedova was capable of contributing in the manner he has since Kyrie was injured? Heck, up until a few weeks ago, I forgot he was even on the roster. Just kidding, but you get my point. Although in the interest of full disclosure I have to admit I thought his version of a leg lock (aka “Delly Sandwich”?) while going after loose balls was just a little questionable. In other words, if he played for the opponent and did that to us, I'd be screaming bloody murder.

Speaking of bloody murder, does LeBron complain *every* time he doesn't get a call in his favor, or what? He makes Danny Ainge (generally regarded as the biggest complainer in the history of the NBA) look like a choir boy. And while we're on the subject, why did LeBron – who was having an off night in spite of what the rest of the media reported (because we won) – take and miss every shot down the stretch in the overtime win against the Hawks in Game 3? Granted, he did hit the last shot and the Cavs prevailed, but had they lost it would have been all on him. If he does that against Golden State, we're toast.

However, since this team seems to be doing everything right when they need to, I give them a greater chance to upset the Warriors than I previously would have.

Go Cavs! ●

Culture and lifestyle of Eastern European ancestors

by JAYNE BROESTL

With the fall of the Berlin Wall, U.S. families have been able to access more freely historical and genealogical information about their Eastern European ancestors. Organizations such as the Mormon Church have been busy filming vital record documents in these regions.

But data alone does not tell the entire story of a family. Questions remain as to how they made a living, what foods they ate and what customs they perpetuated, especially during some difficult and challenging times.

Westlake Porter Public Library's local history specialist, Dan Dmytrykiw, spent several

years studying abroad in Eastern Europe. He will be sharing his experiences and offering helpful tips on how to gather historical and genealogical information about these families at the Wednesday, June 17, meeting of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

The discussion led by Dan will start at 7 p.m., in the Porter room of Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Questions are welcomed. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7 p.m. The public is invited, at no cost. For additional information, visit rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

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Fireworks committee draws first raffle winner

The Bay Days fireworks fund committee awarded the first of two raffle prizes, a one-year membership in the Freedom Boat Club. The winner was longtime Bay Village resident Tom Dunn, who called himself “a sometimes boater, without a boat.” The winning ticket was drawn outside city hall on Memorial Day by 3-year-old Eliot Beal, who was in attendance with his mother, Claudia, and brother, Henry.

Raffle tickets are still available for the Cavaliers package, which includes a great pair of tickets to 10 games next season, plus a “swag bag” of Cavaliers goodies, like a T-shirt, notebook, water bottle and more. The package is valued at more than \$800. The deadline to purchase tickets is July 4. All the details, plus a PayPal button for cash donations, can be found on the group’s website, bayfireworks.org.

All money raised from raffle ticket sales and donations go directly to help fund the annual Bay Days fireworks spectacular on July 4. ●



Eliot Beal draws the winning ticket from a bucket held by committee chair Eric Eakin.



Fireworks fund raffle winner Tom Dunn, left, is pictured with committee members Dominic Giovannazzo and Eric Eakin, and Freedom Boat Club owner Beckett Spreng.

PHOTOS BY TARA WENDELL

Help support ‘Trials for Hope’ at Cahoon in June

by BILL FINK

Have you noticed the billboards along our local highways depicting young children with the staggering statistic that one in five does not get enough to eat? Can that be true, here in the United States, in Ohio, in our community? Unfortunately it is the sad fact for thousands of children and adults. So many slip through the safety net and struggle every day to eat, attend to hygiene and other basic needs.

Often choices have to be made between paying for utilities, food or personal care items. These neighbors of ours include the homeless, seniors on fixed incomes, children trapped in dysfunctional families, and others who just are trying to scrape by day by day.

A local grassroots organization, Trials for Hope, founded by Lakewood resident Jonathan Gray, is in its fourth year collaborating with and being a catalyst to gather and distribute donations of grocery items, blankets, socks, toiletries, toilet paper and clothing to those in need. The name of the program signifies the glimpse of hope that people get when someone reaches out through their personal trials. The effort is funded by a grant from Neighborhood Connections, as well as private and personal donations, and the organization recently gained a 501(c)(3) designation.

These basic items are taken directly to those in need at their homes or schools. Twice a week the journey takes them under the bridges on the West Bank of the Cuyahoga River to serve the homeless, or nearby on West 25th and Detroit. Weekly trips are made to senior centers and drug and alcohol treatment facilities, community meals and to supplement other agencies in our community.

This past Christmas 30 volunteers assembled over 1,000 “Christmas Stockings,” actually plastic bags filled with stuffed animals, coloring books, crayons, snacks, candy and a toothbrush, neatly tied with a colorful ribbon. These stockings were given to the children encountered in these various centers of “hope.” Socks replaced the coloring books for homeless adults. What a blessing to those contributors and volunteers to know they made a difference in the life of a child or suffering adult.

You can make a difference by bringing canned goods on June 13 to the Trials for Hope booth at Cahoon in June. Meet Jonathan and learn more about how you or your group can get involved in this important outreach!

Canned goods may also be dropped off at Lakewood Christian Church, at the corner of Cove and Lake. Visit trialsforhope.weebly.com for more information and how you can get involved. ●

Perfume the topic of June Herb Guild meeting

by BARBARA ARMSTRONG

The Herb Guild Garden Club will meet on June 10 back at the Westlake Porter Public Library. The meeting portion will begin at 10 a.m. This month’s speaker will be Ann Onusko, owner of Indigo Perfumery in Lakewood. Her program will begin around 12:30 and she will speak on the early days of perfume making. Ann has been studying the art of scent for many years and has a large flower garden that she uses in her creations.

Tickets will also go on sale at this

meeting for the Herb Guild Annual Scholarship Luncheon on Aug. 5. The cost of the luncheon is \$35 and will be held at the Avon Oaks Country Club. See theherbguild.org for more information.

Herb Guild members meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Porter Room of Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. New members and guests are always welcome. For further information on the upcoming meeting, call 440-652-6890 or visit our website. You can also find us on Facebook under The Herb Guild. ●

Snippets of Bay Village History: No cows on Lake Road

by KAY LAUGHLIN

Farm animals are prohibited in Bay Village

today, but at one time we had a law on the books making it illegal to walk a cow down Lake Road.

Evidently, at one time, our early farmers held up traffic walking their cows down the road, and this became a problem in the village! The Wischmeyer family lived on Lake Road just east of Dover Center Road. Regina Catherine “Granny” Wischmeyer is pictured here with cows in front of the family barn – a safe distance



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‘Destination Bay!’ community fest event is June 13

On June 13, six Bay Village organizations will join together for “Destination Bay!”, a full day of city-wide events and activities for all ages. The Bay Village Historical Society will host it’s annual “Cahoon in June” crafts and antiques event in Cahoon Memorial Park. BAYarts, will hold its Annual Art and Music Festival on the same day in nearby Huntington Park. The Village Project has also scheduled its “Project Pedal” fundraiser for June 13. The Lake Erie Nature and Science Center will have planetarium programs that day and the Bay Village Fire Department plans an open house. Huntington Playhouse will be open for tours and refreshments and the Village Bicycle Cooperative will offer guidance in bike mechanics and learning about crafty upcycling projects. Transportation will run between venues all day. ●



Cahoon in June, Project Pedal and BAYarts’ Arts & Music Festival are among the events on June 13.

Bay Historical Society hosts annual ‘Cahoon in June’

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

The 46th annual “Cahoon in June” fine crafts, collectibles and antiques event is Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Cahoon Memorial Park.

A Civil War reenactment and a display of antique cars will be highlights of Cahoon in June. The reenactment will serve as a time machine to transport visitors back to the Civil War era. Military equipment and personal items that belonged to soldiers in the Civil War will be on display. Join in a campfire discussion with members of the 105th Ohio Volunteer Infantry to learn about one of the most important periods in American history.

Admission to Cahoon in June is free again this year. The band Tim Moon will provide musical entertainment from 10 a.m. to noon. The School of Rock will perform in the gazebo from

noon to 2 p.m., followed by Madison Crawl from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Culinary artisans from the Cleveland Culinary Launch Kitchen will have a presence at the show, selling their Northeast Ohio-made products. Featured culinary artisans are Comrade’s BBQ Sauce, Erie Bone Broth, Fears Confections, Holmes Made Foods, Montana Girl, Peaceful Fruits, Rust Belt Pepper Co., S&R Bakers and The Most Delicious Cookie Company. The Olive Scene will also have a booth at the event. Food concessions will include the Ironwood Café, The Sweet Spot food truck, Island Delights and Veg’n Out Cafe vegan bakery.

Proceeds from this event support the Rose Hill Museum, the Reuben Osborn Learning Center and student scholarships. The museums will be open during Cahoon in June. Contact Cynthia Eakin at 216-213-0312 for additional information. ●

Registration still open for Project Pedal

by DIANE FRYE

It is not too late to sign up for Project Pedal, Village Project’s one-day bike ride that offers food, music and multiple course options for ages two to 99.

Designed to bring people together to share an unforgettable experience with their friends, family and co-workers, the event also raises funds to provide healthy food and services for residents of Bay Village, Westlake, Avon Lake and Rocky River who are experiencing cancer. Each of the five rides begins at 8 a.m., and all will be concluded by 1 p.m.

Participants who sign up by

June 6 will receive a free T-shirt with their registration. Sponsorships are also still available (deadline June 2). For as little as \$25, a sponsor’s name will be included on the back of the Project Pedal T-shirt.

To register and learn more, please visit the Village Project website: ourvillageproject.com/2015-project-pedal. Project Pedal registration packets can be picked up at Village Project headquarters located at 27378 W. Oviatt Road in Bay Village on June 11 and 12.

There is so much to see and enjoy in Bay on June 13 – Project Pedal is the perfect way to get it rolling. ●

Destination Bay! • June 13

A day of fun for everyone in the heart of Bay Village!

1 “Cahoon in June” Bay Village Historical Society
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Civil War re-enactors, crafts, antiques, vintage cars, music, food trucks. Tour the historical museums. FREE admission!

2 Village Bicycle Cooperative
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Join us at the cooperative for: guidance in bike mechanics, learning about crafty upcycling projects, or how to BIKE MORE & drive less.

3 BAYarts Art & Music Festival
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Enjoy live music along with an assemblage of food and art vendors with everything from oil paintings to handmade jewelry. A FREE event!

4 Huntington Playhouse
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tours, food & refreshments

5 Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Summer construction at Bay Schools closes buildings, stadium

by KAREN DERBY

Construction work, much of it outdoors, will close down public access to some buildings and property this summer at the Bay Village Schools. Paving projects begin in early June. The high school track and stadium will be inaccessible for most of the summer.

At Bay High, the stadium closed immediately following this year's graduation ceremony on June 1. Parking and access to the building will be closed starting Monday, June 8. The main drive will be repaved along with the parking lot. At the stadium, the track will be resurfaced, and end zone bleachers, new paving around the field and a new fence around the track will be installed.

Normandy Elementary will have its parking lot repaved beginning June 15. Access to the building will remain closed through Aug. 14. The school will have additional parking added at the west end of the property, extending the lot at the K. T. Allen administration building (corner of Wolf and Dover Center roads), which will close that building's parking area beginning June 9. Tree removal taking place throughout the property will cull dead or diseased trees and will also make way for newly-paved areas. Parts of the walking path on the Normandy property will be closed.

Westerly Elementary will have its parking lot repaved this summer. Access to the building will be closed from June 22 until completion of the parking lot in early August.

Individual exceptions to building access will be notified individually.



Paving at Bay High, Westerly and Normandy Elementary Schools will block public access this summer.

Dates are also subject to change. Indoor work this summer also takes advantage of the time when buildings are closed and school is out for students. Upgrades to ceilings, lighting and floors will take place throughout the district. Equipment to expand wireless internet connectivity will be installed.

Bay High will have HVAC upgrades to its gymnasium and its kitchen and cafeteria areas. Many high school lockers will be replaced and remaining lockers will be painted. A new auditorium sound and projector system will be installed, as will a system of television monitors for several public spaces.

Approximately 66 percent of the work related to the \$16.8 million bond issue approved by voters in 2012 has been completed. An additional \$3.8 million is estimated for work taking place through the 2015 calendar year.

"We will have about \$2 million left for items that were lower on the priority list," said Superintendent Clint Keener. "Thanks to favorable bids coming in throughout these projects, and also thanks to our use of direct equipment purchasing using state-negotiated terms, we have stretched these bond issue dollars to a significant degree."

Two local students recognized with Snider Family Scholarship

by WENDY HANNA

Two local students have been recognized for both their service to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center and their future potential. Stacy Grossman and Emma Gutierrez were recently awarded the William and Shirley Snider Family Scholarship.

Applicants for the scholarship are required to have a strong academic record and have completed 100 hours of service at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center over a 12-month time period. They must have been accepted to an accredited college or university to pursue a degree in any course of study that would contribute to and further the mission of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

Stacy, a Cleveland resident and recent graduate of Saint Joseph Academy, is headed to Hiram College in the fall and intends to study environmental science. When younger, Stacy brought an injured squirrel to the Center and dreamed of becoming a part of the mission. "My dream came true! I volunteered for about four years and I'm unbelievably grateful," Stacy said. "I learned so much and the people I've met are so dedicated and

passionate."

Emma, a recent graduate of Bay High School, plans to study conservation biology at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. "I was able to find passion for nature through the Center early on and that has helped to define my entire life," Emma said. "I may have never realized that passion without my involvement at the nature center."

Both recipients received \$500 to be used towards their tuition.

Shirley Snider, with support from her husband William, worked closely with Elberta Fleming to create the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Their daughter and son-law, Sue and Mike Clark, continue to support the Center through their volunteer work and the funding of this scholarship.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and inspiring each of us to understand, appreciate and take responsibility for our natural universe. Those who share Emma and Stacy's enthusiasm for this mission can get involved with programs such as Keeper for a Day and Project Wildlife. More information about these programs is available at www.lensc.org.



Scholarship recipients Emma Gutierrez and Stacy Grossman are pictured with Sue and Mike Clark, funders of the award.



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Bay Village groups plan summer activities

by JESSICA BRESLIN

The Bay Village Community Council met Thursday, May 28, and new officers were present at the meeting. Lou Popp and Darin Snyder will serve as co-presidents, Therese Koomar as treasurer and Jessica Breslin as secretary for the 2015-2016 year. Community Council will meet next on Sept. 17, 7 p.m., at the Bay Village Branch Library. All community groups are welcome to send a representative. Annual dues of \$20 per organization will be collected at this time.

The **Bay Village Historical Society** will hold the 46th annual "Cahoon in June" fine crafts, collectibles and antiques event on June 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Cahoon Memorial Park, as part of this year's Destination Bay, a day of fun in the heart of Bay Village. Also participating in the citywide event is **BAYarts**, which holds its Annual Art and Music Festival on the same day in nearby Huntington Park. The **Village Project** has also scheduled its "Project Pedal" fundraiser for June 13. The **Lake Erie Nature & Science Center** will have planetarium programs that day and the **Bay Village Fire Department** plans an open house. Huntington Playhouse will be open for tours and refreshments and the **Village Bicycle Cooperative** will offer guidance in bike mechanics and learning about crafty upcycling projects. Transportation will run between venues all day.

The **Lake Erie Nature & Science Center** will offer STEM camps for students this summer. Full details can be found at lensc.org. The Lake Erie Nature & Science

Center Women's Board has partnered with the **Bay Village Garden Club** for a Huntington Playhouse fundraiser on July 19. The matinee show will be "The Producers" and admission includes a post-show hors d'oeuvres reception. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased by calling Women's Board member, Karen at 440-670-6760, or Garden Club member, Nancie at 440-930-2092.

The **Bay Village Community Band** summer series will take place at the Cahoon Park Gazebo. All performances begin at 7 p.m. Upcoming concerts include: Wednesday, July 1, Patriotic Celebration; Sunday, July 19, Patriotic Celebration Encore; and Sunday, Aug. 16, Big Bands With a Spanish Accent. The Band also asks you to save the date for their Huntington Playhouse fundraiser in partnership with the Bay Village Historical Society on Thursday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. for a performance of "My Way, A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra." Admission includes a pre-show reception featuring hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a fantastic raffle basket worth over \$700! The Band thanked the **Bay Village Foundation** for their generous grant to sponsor a portion of the Cahoon Gazebo summer concert series.

The **Bay Village Women's Club** awarded \$20,000 to eight graduating seniors – each received \$2500 toward their educational goals. Donations have also been made to the Dwyer Senior Center for a new coffee machine, the Knickerbocker and Women's Club members will be at Cahoon in June as part of Destination Bay. The BVWC's next potluck meeting will be on June 11, noon, in the Bay Village Police

Station community room and is free and open to the public.

The **League of Women Voters, Bay Village Chapter** was proud to award its 2015 outstanding citizen scholarships to Jessica Mosier and Alec White. Volunteers are needed to work the ticket and wristband stations at Bay Days, as part of LWV's annual fundraising effort. Those interested may contact Jane Blackie, 835-1448, or visit lwggreatercleveland.org/bay-village-chapter.

The **Bay Village Green Team** and **Bay Village Kiwanis** are partnering to reduce the amount of landfill waste generated at Bay Days. Options are being examined to increase recycling efforts and incorporate composting of food waste. The next quarterly Bay Village Green Team meeting is July 14, 6:30 p.m., at the Community House. All are welcome.

The **Bay Village Branch Library** thanked the Friends of the Library for generously supporting the purchase of a Touchlab for digital programming at the library. The Library will feature STEM camps as well over the summer and a variety of programming for all ages. The Annual Ice Cream Social will take place on Wednesday, June 24, from 6-8 p.m. and will again feature free Mitchell's Ice Cream courtesy of the Friends of the Library. The Library will also have representation at Cahoon in June as part of Destination Bay. The next book sale is July 25-28.

The **Bay Village American Legion** hosted the Memorial Day Parade with many groups participating, including the Bay High and Middle School bands. Many veterans rode in the parade and were

applauded for their service. One member installed or delivered eight American flags to senior citizens prior to Memorial Day. The post awarded two Blue Star Service flags to families with a family member serving in the active military.

The **Bay Village Kiwanis Club** hosted the 55th annual Academic Achievement Awards night, recognizing students with grade point averages of 3.6 or higher for three grading periods. Graduating Bay High seniors received over \$11,000,000 in scholarships from their intended universities. The club donated a special three-wheel bicycle to the Knickerbocker Apartments for use by the seniors who live there. The club is participating in a shoe collection for families in the developing countries of Africa. Shoes can be put into garbage bags and dropped off either at Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Road, on Tuesday evenings between 6:20 and 8 p.m. or can contact Kelly Baon at 440-728-7889 or kelsapples18@yahoo.com for a pick up.

Friends of the Bay Village Kennel hosted animal law expert Jeffrey Holland on May 26. The event was very well attended and the feedback was positive. In addition to residents and non-residents, law enforcement and other noted professionals attended. FOBVK will be doing their 2nd annual major cleaning of the current dog kennel in mid-June. The group continues to assist animals, residents and the BVPD with multiple requests. They have the support of a resident benefactor that would like to build a brand new kennel, preferably centralized in the city, making it user-friendly for the police and residents. FOBVK will help in situations of need; visit friendsofbayvillagekennel.com or work with the BVPD. ●

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BAY VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

Make Your Summer Count and join this year's summer reading program at the Bay Village Branch Library. If you haven't registered yet, don't delay! The program gets started on June 6. For registration and more information, please visit cuyahogalibrary.org.

If you're looking for suggestions on what to read this summer, join us for Hot Summer Reads on Tuesday, June 9, at 10 a.m. We'll introduce new titles and some old titles you may have missed.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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

- **Monday, June 8 and 15 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesday, June 9 and 16 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – ages 19-35 months.
- **Wednesday, June 3, 10, and 17 (9:30 a.m.) BABY & ME STORYTIME** – ages birth to 18 months.
- **Thursday, June 4 and 11 (11 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten).
- **Thursday, June 4 and 11 (7 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – children of all ages.
- **Friday, June 5 and 12 (7 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – children of all ages.

Mondays and Tuesdays, June 8 - 18 (2 p.m.) POOLSIDE STORYTIME - Cooling off at the Bay Village pool? Join one of our children's librarians during the 2 p.m. rest break for storytime.

Wednesday, June 10 (7 p.m.) BALLOON CREATIONS BY SWIFTY THE CLOWN – Join us for a fun-filled evening with Ohio's premier balloon artist. Prepare to be amazed by his zany show with plenty of humor and

audience participation.

Saturday, June 13 (10:30 a.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME – This storytime is designed specifically for children with special need and their families. This program incorporates a schedule board, double visuals and sensory opportunities for participants as well as a half-hour of socialization time.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, June 3 (7 p.m.) CLEVELAND'S EAST FOURTH STREET – Short in distance but long in memories, East Fourth Street's story has mirrored downtown Cleveland's dynamic rise, decline and rebirth. Once the home to Cleveland's opera house, central markets, and five-and-dime stores, Fourth Street fell into disrepair in the second half of the 20th century. Relive the stories and follow its renaissance as one of the city's most popular destinations. Join us as author Alan Dutka presents his book, "East Fourth Street: The Rise, Decline and Rebirth of an Urban Cleveland Street." A book sale and signing will follow the presentation. This program is sponsored in collaboration with the Bay Village Historical Society.

Tuesday, June 9 (10 a.m.) HOT SUMMER READS – Join us to find out what's new or discover older favorites that you might want to read this summer. Presented by the Bay Village adult services librarian and sponsored in collaboration with Dwyer Memorial Senior Center.

Friday, June 12 (10 a.m.) BAY-ARTS BOOK DISCUSSION – Join friends, neighbors and library staff for a summer book discussion on the BAYarts Campus. The discussion will be held on the porch of the Fuller House on specific Fridays from 10-11 a.m. This month join us to discuss "Euphoria" by Lily King.

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

FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

Taking advantage of nature

by RJ JOHNSON

Last night, I watched our cat jump up to sit next to my wife as she was attempting to send a text. It's hard to overestimate the challenge of typing on the screen of a smart phone with a cat rubbing its face against the side of the phone as it happily purrs at you.

If you want a cat to come to you, try to send a text, or type an article on a computer keyboard. Picking up a book and sitting down to read also has a powerful magnetic effect on cats. If you call them, their nature is to sit in place as they ponder whether it might be worth working up the energy to come. Usually, they decide it is not.

"Next time the cat gets out, we should take a laptop outside and start typing," I said as the cat continued to buffet my wife's phone. "Then again, we might get every cat in the neighborhood coming to sit on the keyboard."

Calling the cat home with a laptop will remain an untested theory. The image of dozens of cats running toward the sound of my clicking keyboard has the appeal of being stuck in an Alfred Hitchcock movie.

There is a similar instinct at work in children. If you want to know where they are, it may or may not be productive to call to them. Their response depends on how engrossed they are with their current activity. If you want

to know where your children are, pick up the phone and start dialing. Dialing the phone has the effect on children that a super high-pitched whistle has on dogs. The child might be sitting in the corner of his or her closet, reading a book and listening to music through earbuds, but the sound of a parent making a phone call can penetrate any barrier to remind them of something urgent they must tell you at that very second.

If, on the other hand, you want a few minutes alone to make that phone call, there is a simple way to get time to yourself. If you walk through the front door and announce that you need help unloading groceries from the car, you will set up an almost impenetrable barrier. For the next half hour, you will not exist in your children's world. If you need to carry on an adult conversation, use a similar technique – call out, "How is everyone doing with their homework?" This question will buy you enough time for a private conversation.

If you actually need help unloading the groceries, pick up the phone and start dialing. Before they realize what hit them, your children will come to you like a cat that has just heard you typing at the computer. Then, you have them where you want them.

There are times when we have to work to overcome the nature of things. Most of the time, however, life is easier if you take advantage of how things actually work. ●

Tri-C's Women in Transition offers first summer session June 16

by JOHN HORTON

The Women in Transition program at Cuyahoga Community College will launch its first summer session in Westlake on June 16 at Corporate College West.

The free program uses education and training to empower women at a life crossroads. Participants build confidence and self-esteem through classes on personal development, career exploration and financial and computer literacy.

The course is designed to assist women in transitional periods of their lives, such as a career change or return to the workforce. The non-credit program is free and open to the public.

Classes will be held at Corporate College West from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 16 to July 9. Corporate College West is at 25425 Center Ridge Road in Westlake. Registration is required for the program.

To enroll, call 216-987-3899.

Tri-C's Women in Transition program began in 1978 and has contributed to thousands of personal success stories. It typically serves about 200 women a year.

The program operates at two Tri-C locations in Westlake – Corporate College West and the nearby Westshore Campus. The campus serves as the location for various workshops and is home to a Women in Transition office. For more information, go to www.tri-c.edu/women-in-transition. ●



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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Tuesday, June 2 (7-8:30 p.m.) STAND-UP COMEDY WORKSHOP – Jerry Jaffe, The World’s Most Highly Educated Stand Up Comedian, will conduct an improv workshop introducing you to the fundamentals of stand-up comedy. Please register.

Wednesdays, June 3 and 10 (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, June 3 (1-2:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Drop-in session for genealogy help provided by the members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter.

Wednesdays, June 3 and 10 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, June 4 and 11 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS – Stop by the Youth Services Department and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and each Thursday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3 (7-8:30 p.m.) WPPL HORROR FILM CLUB – Join us as we explore some of the classic films from the genres of horror, science fiction and suspense. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

Thursday, June 4 (2-3 p.m.) ONE CLICK DEMONSTRATIONS – Join our Recorded Books sales representative for a quick demonstration and account help with our One Click digital audiobook service. She will be on the floor in Adult Services, so stop by!

Thursday, June 4 (3:45-5:45 p.m.) TABLETOP GAMING GROUP – Board games! Card games! RPGs! Stop by for an afternoon of playing tabletop games with other gamers! Games will include Munchkin, Settlers of Catan, Forbidden Island, and more! Grades 7-12.

Friday, June 5 (Basics Session: 10 a.m.; Advanced Session: 11:30 a.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS: TEACH ME

TO PLAY – For children 3-6 years old who need help with communication and social skills. Join us for a play-based program designed to model and teach parents/caregivers strategies to improve their child’s social interactions, facilitate communication, and manage behavior in a positive way. Led by an Early Intervention Specialist in Behavior from the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Register at connectingforkids.org.

Saturday, June 6 (10-11 a.m.) ANDROID TABLET GROUP: OVERDRIVE – Learn how to use Overdrive to check out and download ebooks. Must bring your Android-based tablet with you. Must also have an email account, WPPL library card, and access to Google Play. Please register.

Saturday, June 6 (10:30-11 a.m.) MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE! – An interactive storytime featuring simple books, rhymes, songs and movement. For ages birth-3 with an adult caregiver. No registration required.

Saturday, June 6 (2-3 p.m.) STARZ BALLROOM DANCING – Join the fun of learning a group dance with instructor Andy Slimak! Please register.

Monday, June 8 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) COFFEE WITH LINDA – Please join us for the third in a series of discussions with local author, spiritual intuitive and channeler Linda Street. You will be able to ask questions, relate your own experiences, and get Linda’s input. Registration is required; limited to 20 participants.

Tuesday, June 9 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: MAKING POSITIVE FIRST IMPRESSIONS – Get tips on the things that determine how you are perceived and learn how that perception impacts your success so you can make a better impression on prospective employers.

Tuesday, June 9 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – In June we’ll discuss “The Catcher in the Rye” by J.D. Salinger.

Tuesday, June 9 (7-8:30 p.m.) THINKING ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING? – Hear

from homeschooling pros about starting a home-based curriculum program for your children. Will include Q&A time. Please register.

Thursday, June 11 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – The June selection is “How Dogs Love Us: A Neuroscientist and His Adopted Dog Decode the Canine Brain” by Gregory Berns.

Friday, June 12 (10-10:45 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME! – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys. For children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome! Registration begins June 5.

Friday, June 12 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) IPAD USERS GROUP – Listen to a brief iPad topic then share tips and techniques with other iPad users. Must bring your iPad with you. Please register.

Friday, June 12 (1-2:30 p.m.) FANTASTIC FRIDAY – Fantastic Friday is a great day for homeschoolers! Every month we’ll explore a new topic with related activities. Ages 6-12. Registration begins June 5.

Saturday, June 13 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) and Monday, June 15 (6:30-7:15 p.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME – Join us for a storytime for children with special needs and their parents/caregivers. The program includes interactive stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities, followed by 30 minutes of play. Content is geared to ages 3-7. Registration begins one week before each session.

Saturday, June 13 (2-3 p.m.) JUNIOR BRICK BUILDERS! – Let’s build with Duplos! Bring your imagination and we’ll provide the bricks. Ages 3-6. No registration required.

Sunday, June 14 (1-1:45 p.m.) MEET-UPS! – Join us for video games, socialization and play among children in Grades 1-5 with special needs and their caregivers. Registration begins June 7.

Sunday, June 14 (2-3:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS! – Games, crafts, puzzles and more! All ages welcome. No registration necessary. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday, June 14 (2-3 p.m.) STORIES FROM A SERVICE DOG – Hear the sto-

ries of a puppy raiser who helped prepare special dogs for the huge responsibility of “service to those in need.” Come and meet a special dog named Donald. He has a great story too! Registration required.

Monday, June 15 (2-4 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE: SUMMER EDITION – Looking for a fun place to hang out? Each week there will be different activities, this week is tie-dye T-shirts. Grades 7-12.

Monday, June 15 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTORS’ INTEREST GROUP: JUST HOW RANDOM IS THE STOCK MARKET? – We will discuss what random/chaotic systems look like and how to assess their degree-of-randomness, then review the implications of these behaviors for individual investors, with an eye to simplifying investing strategies relative to what one hears in the financial media. Please register.

Tuesdays starting June 16 (2:30-3 p.m.) BOOK BUDDIES – Teen volunteers will help younger students retain their reading skills. This program is designed for children entering grades 1-4 who need extra help practicing reading. Please note: Book Buddy volunteers are neither expected nor trained to correct learning problems or to teach children to read. Registration begins one week before each session.

Tuesdays starting June 16 (3-4 p.m.) SUMMER BRAIN GAMES – Keep up your skills during summer vacation! Kids in grades 1-4 can drop in each week for grade-appropriate educational games. Teen volunteers and staff from the Westlake City Schools will be on hand to assist.

Tuesday, June 16 (6-7 p.m.) MAGNETIC POETRY – Get creative when you make your own magnetic poetry set. Grades 5-7. Registration begins June 9.

Tuesday, June 16 (7-8:30 p.m.) RECENTLY HISTORIC: HOUSES OF THE 1950S-1960S – This program explores more recently “historic” housing types including ranch and split level style houses. Please register.

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

Porter Library offers iPad with special needs apps

Westlake Porter Public Library is offering educators and parents of children with special needs something new: An iPad loaded with apps specifically for special needs children that they can use in the library.

The iPad is an ideal way for educators and parents to take a look at the apps before buying. It also provides something different and “just for them” for special needs children to do at the library. Included among the apps are:

- Apps for communication, such as Proloquo2Go
- Apps for helping children with learning disabilities, including writing, reading and math apps
- Apps that help build social skills and design sensory breaks

New apps are added regularly. Visit the library’s Youth Services Desk to use the iPad. Parents can use it in one of the study rooms and even have their child try the apps out! Please note that the device cannot leave the library. To use it, patrons need a valid driver’s license and a WPPL library card in good standing. For questions about the special needs iPad, please call Rebecca Shook at 440-250-5471 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

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FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

‘Nehemiah days’ planned to rebuild Unity grounds

by SHARON FEDOR

All are invited to join us at Unity of Westlake’s first annual Nehemiah retreat/rebuild days. One of the lesser-known Biblical figures, Nehemiah was a cupbearer to Persian King Artaxerxes I in the fifth century. Hearing about the damage to the entire city of Jerusalem, he wanted to do something about it. After getting permission from the King, knowing that people were his greatest resource, he enlisted and united the people and started to rebuild the walls of the Holy City. What a success story! People worked together to accomplish their goal, and rebuilt the capital of Judah in 52 days. Nehemiah led, organized and motivated his people into getting up and doing, not whining or complaining, but participating in a sacred service, that served and blessed thousands in years to come. Building the damaged walls to an entire city in the fifth century, without modern tools, couldn’t have been an easy task. Toiling outdoors, lifting and placing heavy stones, for weeks at a time, there must have been moments when thoughts of giving up crossed many minds. Overall, each person must have worked in the Spirit of knowing that the individual gifts they

could bring would combine and lend to a greater endeavor, an accomplishment that fortified an entire city, the Holy City of Jerusalem. Today over 3.5 million tourists, most from the U.S., visit Israel, with the city of Jerusalem the most visited city, the Western Wall the most visited site. Motivated by Nehemiah’s call to action where needed, Unity Spiritual Center is seeking help to refresh its three-acre property. All with a green thumb, including tree-huggers, great gardeners, flower enthusiasts, nature lovers, and superb weed-pullers are invited to join us on our retreat to spruce up the grounds at Unity. All ages welcome, starting Friday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, June 6, anytime after 7:30 a.m. Tools will be provided, or bring your own; especially needed items are rakes and shovels. Stay the whole day, or a few hours. Rather work indoors? There will be indoor tasks to sign up for as well. There will be plenty of food, starting with a Friday evening potluck (bring a dish). Saturday snacks provided; at the end of the workday on Saturday there will be a catered dinner. Come for fun, friendship, food and renewal at Unity Spiritual Center of Westlake, 23855 Detroit Road. Call 440-835-0400 with questions. ●

Building a community of light

by JOANNE ROWDEN

We love to be a part of community. Whether we gather online through social media like Facebook, in clubs with similar interests, or in spiritual spaces, we all like to know we belong. Sometimes, though, the need to belong is so strong that we join communities that are not positive and healthy. Often a young adult will join a gang, for example, in order to belong somewhere. There is a desire to feel as though we are a part of something, and that something is not always the best community of which to be a part. At Unity Spiritual Center of Westlake, we have been looking more deeply at what it means to build a community of light. A community of light would have a positive impact in our world. A community of light would generate creativity, compassion and generosity. A community of light would engage each one to share their unique gifts and talents to support the creation of a world that works for all! The first step in building a community of light is to open up to the idea that we live in a world of possibility. As we each give ourselves over to the idea that there is a greater vision of good that is desiring to express in, through and as us, we can get excited about what is possible to create together. The next step to building a community of light is to understand the power of focus. When we gather together with a set intention, and align our thoughts, words and actions to that intention, the power of focus is engaged. Like a laser beam, we can project

our light farther and with more precision as we work together cohesively. Commitment is the third element in building a community of light. Master Yoda said, “Do or do not. There is no try.” Each one of us must get beyond the idea of trying and fully commit. Without excuse, as we each follow through in the commitments we make, the momentum builds and the community is strengthened. There could be no community of light without respect. We are each unique and individual. We all have unique talents and gifts to share. Even in a community of “like minds,” we all show up uniquely expressing our individuality. A community built of light recognizes the blessing of respecting each one for who they are without needing anyone to be other than their own, unique and authentic self. Finally, a community of light engages in service. We are here to serve one another and we do so with encouragement, support and open hearts. Our service extends beyond four walls into the greater community. We are always in the question of, “What is ours to do to support a world that works for all?” If a community only focuses inwardly, the light cannot move beyond the four walls. A light hidden is a light wasted. If you have a desire to be a part of a community, look for one that is filled with love and light. At Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Road, we continue to explore what it means for us to build a community of light. The possibilities truly are endless and we welcome you to come find out more. ●

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Bay Village American Legion Post 385 members carry the colors down Lake Road during the Bay Village Memorial Day parade.

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A 21-gun salute in the rose garden in Cahoon Memorial Park.

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A salute to fallen veterans during the Westlake Roll of Honor ceremony.



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Bay Village Cub Scout Troop 39 parades with a flurry of waving American flags down Lake Road.



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Classic cars sought for Westlake parade

by JIM DISPIRITO

Everyone loves a parade, and this year is no exception. The City of Westlake will hold its annual parade on the Fourth of July, with motorized units starting at 10 a.m. at Lee Burneson Middle School on Dover Center Road. The marching units will assemble at Westlake Christian Church on Hilliard Boulevard and will fill in the parade as it progresses by. The parade will then travel east on Hilliard to Clague Park.

Following the parade, Mayor Dennis Clough and members of the City Council as well as other elected officials will assemble on stage to honor America with various patriotic readings and of course “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

As part of the parade, the city is looking for classic cars to help continue the tradition of the classic car timeline for the parade. We are looking for those beautiful cars/trucks or even restored farm equipment from the ‘20s and ‘30s all the way up the timeline. If you have a classic car and would like to be part of the parade, please contact Jim Dispirito at 440-617-4420 for more details.

Other events for the day include a Classic Car Show at Clague Park starting at 10 a.m. For more information please contact Bryan Kissling at 440-333-1049. Starting at 6 p.m. inside of Clague Park, DJ Eazy will be spinning the hits as you assemble for the fireworks. Various food vendors will be on site providing a great variety of food including pizza, fries, funnel cakes, ice cream, smoothies, gyros and much more.

And finally the grand finale of the evening will be the traditional fireworks spectacular. The fireworks will be at Clague Park starting at dusk. Again for any information regarding the 4th of July, please contact Jim Dispirito at 440-617-4420. ●

BAYARTS

Latest BAYarts exhibitions celebrate local riches

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

BAYarts kicks off an event-filled summer on Friday, June 5 from 7-9 p.m. with two gallery exhibitions, and the first concert in the popular summer series.

In the Fuller House’s Sullivan Family Gallery, Bay Village artist Mary Deutschman exhibits all-new paintings in “Painting the Metroparks with Color.” Mary’s signature use of vibrant colors make joyful statements of everyday scenes. Deutschman says she

finds the Cleveland Metroparks filled with fabulous inspiration with its “rivers, waterfalls, bridges, hills, winding roads, bike paths, trees, flowers, picnic areas, families of deer, wildlife...” Despite this depth of observation, she adds that though she has painted “its many faces” she believes there is always more to find. “Each season is a gift.”

Inspired by BAYarts’ new Farm + Art Market, an invitational exhibit, “Simple Gifts: A Farm to Table Celebration,” opens in the Boldman Gallery in the Huntington House. BAYarts Artistic Director Karen Petkovic says, “We are fortunate to live in Ohio where some of the most beautiful and productive



“River in Bay Woods,” an oil on canvas, is among the works on display in Mary Deutschman’s exhibit “Painting the Metroparks with Color.”

farms in the country are. When I curated this show, I wanted to bring together artists who could celebrate the American farm and the new movement toward farm to table living. I can think of no better place than BAYarts to share this message through the unique work of these talented individuals.”

At the same time, Bay Village resident Sandy Tusek will take the BAYarts stage to launch the summer concert series with her rock/pop acoustic duo Nick & the Chick.

The BAYarts Farm + Art Market kicks off on Thursday, June 18, 5-8 p.m.

Visit bayarts.net for details. ●

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Genealogical Help Session
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Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, June 3, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Surrogate Support Group
This is a support and informational group for women who want to help people create a family through surrogacy. For more information or to RSVP, please call 440-356-4604.
Rocky River Public Library, 1600 Hampton Rd.

Friday, June 5, 6-8:30 p.m.
Westlake Historical Society Ice Cream Social
Families can enjoy the beautiful setting, as well as guided tours of the museum. Cold, delicious treats, including ice cream, sundaes and root beer floats will be available. Monetary donations from the event benefit the historical society.
Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake

Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.-noon
Tri-C Open House
The open house provides prospective students an opportunity to discuss academic programs with faculty and counselors; learn more about enrollment, financial aid and scholarships; explore student services; and tour the facilities. This free event is open to the public. For more information or to register, visit www.tri-c.edu/openhouses.
Tri-C Westshore Campus, 31001 Clemens Rd., Westlake

Saturday, June 6, and Sunday, June 7, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Women of Wellness Health Fair
Meet with exhibitors on cosmetic and anti-aging solutions, legal matters, financial wealth, home care, alternative medicine options and more. St. John Medical Center will be providing free bone density and cholesterol screenings. Exhibitors with useful products and fashion accessories will also be available for your shopping pleasure.

Admission is \$5 at the door, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the American Heart Association.
Wagner’s of Westlake, 30855 Center Ridge Rd.

Saturday, June 6, 2-4 p.m.
Sunshine Cruise Casino Gala
The Gardens at Westlake will host their annual Casino Gala with a “Sunshine Cruise” theme. Community members are invited to enjoy cocktails, appetizers and music while trying their luck at popular casino games including slots, blackjack, roulette and craps. All games are just for fun, no money is required. Winners can vie for great raffles prizes donated by local businesses. Free and open to the public. For more information, please call 440-892-9777.
Gardens at Westlake, 27569 Detroit Rd.

Sunday, June 7, 7 p.m.
Rocky River Community Chorus and Band Spring Concert
Selections from many favorite Broadway musicals followed by band concert and reception. Free.
Rocky River Senior Center Auditorium, 21014 Hilliard Blvd.

Tuesday, June 9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Monthly Meeting of PERI Chapter 91
All public sector retirees are invited to hear guest speaker Cinthia Sledz, chair of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) board of trustees. She is also chair of the Proxy Policy and Corporate Governance Committee and a member of the Audit Committee. Her talk will highlight recent actions by the OPERS Board and how these actions may impact public sector employees. Light refreshments are served.
Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Rd.

Tuesday, June 9, 6:30-8 p.m.
Survivorship Support Group for Those Touched by Cancer
Monthly topic-related support group for those who have completed treatment. This month’s topic: Navigating Healthcare Reform for Cancer Survivors. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546.

The Gathering Place, 800 Sharon Dr. Westlake

Wednesday, June 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Preventing Identity Theft
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Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, June 11, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
The Local Real Estate Market: Is Now the Right Time to Sell? How to Best Prepare
Tony Apotsos, broker, Realtor and certified residential specialist from Realty Professionals Inc. of Westlake, will discuss market trends and the current local real estate market. If you want an accurate snapshot of the current market or you’re considering up-sizing or downsizing, find out if this is a good time to make your move. If you’re planning to sell, get some tips on the best way to optimize your results! There will be time for Q&A after. Free and open to the public. For information, please call 440-892-9777.
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Saturday, June 13, all day
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See page 13 for times and locations

Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m.-noon
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Westlake City Hall parking lot, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.

Saturday, June 13, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Family Fun Day
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Saturday, June 13, 1-4 p.m.
4th Annual Lutheran Home Car Show
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Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve, 2116 Dover Center Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, June 17, 2 p.m.
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O’Neill Healthcare Bay Village, 605 Bradley Rd.

Wednesday, June 17, 6:30-8:45 p.m.
Ohio Genealogical Society, Cuyahoga West
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