

Bay Village Schools dedicate new building additions, playground

by KAREN DERBY

Bay Village Board of Education members joined with students and staff to celebrate two new building additions with back-to-back ribbon cuttings on Tuesday, Sept. 8. The additions are the most

visible outcomes of a bond issue that voters passed in 2012 to renovate, restore and improve facilities throughout the school district.

Westerly Elementary now boasts a new library media center. The 3,500-square-foot addition can be divided into two rooms with a pull-down,

garage-type glass door.

"The roll-down door is more reliable than room dividers with floor tracks," said Superintendent Clint Keener. He also noted that the glass maintains a visual openness and the ability to observe students from both sides.

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Bay Village Board of Education members (right) President Bob Piccirilli, Gayatri Jacob-Mosier, Vice President Amy Huntley, Bill Selong and Michael Caputo join with Superintendent Clint Keener (center) and others who cut the dedication ribbon for Westerly Elementary's new Library Media Center. Included in ribbon-cutting honors were district Treasurer Kevin Robertson, Westerly Principal Josie Sanfilippo, Jason Calvey and Scott Wagner of Regency Construction Services, Mike Kotansky of ADA Architects, and Bay Schools staff members Kevin Egan, Lindsey Harris, Jack Heider, Sue Ondrejovich, and Michael Streets. Westerly PTA president Robin Lucak and student representatives also participated. (Assistant Superintendent of Operations Daryl Stumph was honored, but not available for ceremony.)

Explore early Dover Township at the Lakeside Cemetery tour

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

Learn about life in early Dover Township at a tour of Lakeside Cemetery on Sept. 27, planned in cooperation by the Bay Village

Historical Society and Huntington Playhouse.

Tours will depart at regular intervals from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at both Huntington Playhouse and Lakeside Cemetery. Participants will get a brief history of Huntington Playhouse and a backstage tour. Actors will be at Lakeside Cemetery, where they will relate the intriguing stories of eight individuals buried in the cemetery. Those portrayed this year include William Aldrich, Nathan and Martha Bassett, Joseph Cahoon, Catherine Porter Foote, Laura Hassler, young Reuben Osborn and Christopher Saddler.

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Into the
light at
Celebrate
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PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Runners sprint into the sunlight at the halfway point of the 5-mile course through the Bradley Woods Reservation during the annual Celebrate Westlake event on Sept. 5. See more photos, page 12.



Huntington Playhouse faces final season

by TOM MEYROSE

The Cleveland Metroparks has announced they are terminating the affiliate agreement with Huntington Playhouse effective Dec. 31, 2015. While we are extremely disappointed by this decision, we plan to conclude our 2015 season as scheduled and celebrate the past 57 seasons of performing plays and musicals.

Many have asked what can be done. The best thing is for the community to attend a performance to make a case to those looking at future options that there is a need and market for a theatre in this area. It is our hope that the community will continue to support our performers, technicians, musicians and volunteers by attending any of the remaining performances at the theatre.

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closing

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CEMETERY

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Discover whose parents were the founding members of Fairview Hospital, who went on to become the first mayor of Bay Village and who was the city's very first settler. The historic Lakeside Cemetery is the site of the first burial in what was then Dover Township, more than 200 years ago.

Tour admission is free. Parking is at the west end of Huntington Park and at Huntington Playhouse. Light refreshments will be served. In the event of rain, all activities will take place at Huntington Playhouse. Phone 440-835-4472 for information, or visit www.bayhistorical.com.

Rose Hill Museum, located in nearby Cahoon Memorial Park and operated by the Bay Village Historical Society, will be closed on Sept. 27. The museum will reopen on the following Sunday with its regular hours, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and will be open every Sunday through December. ●

WECPTA to host annual Kiddie Klostet resale event

by MEGAN NAVRATIL

The Westlake Early Childhood PTA (WECPTA) will hold its fall Kiddie Klostet kids resale event on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 8 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Boulevard.

As an incentive to shop the Kiddie Klostet early this year, everyone that pays for early bird admission between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Gymboree gift certificate. The winner will be drawn at 9:15 a.m. and must be present to win.

The sale will feature gently used baby items, kids clothing, toys, games, furniture and maternity clothes. New this year, we will be featuring a BIG item area.

Admission is \$5 for the early-bird preview from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and \$1 for entrance from 9 a.m. to noon. Cash sales only. Please, no bills larger than \$20. Small bills appreciated at the door.

For more information or to inquire about table availability, visit wecpta.org/kiddieklostet. ●

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Oct. 5 program previews one of opera's 'top 10'

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" was a hit when it premiered in 1786 and over 225 years later it is on a "top 10" list. Mozart's captivating comedy is listed among the top 10 most-performed operas worldwide on Operabase, the online database.

David Bamberger, artistic director of the Cleveland Institute of Music Opera Theater, spotlights Mozart's "Figaro," considered a masterpiece of Italian comic opera, at the FYI: Opera program on Monday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m., at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road.

Several CIM voice students, who will perform arias from "Figaro," will accompany Bamberger at this FYI: Opera program, which is sponsored by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council. John Simmons, CIM music director, will provide piano accompaniment for the singers.

Presenting a program of story and background on composer and compo-

sition, Bamberger combines his expansive knowledge of opera with his gift of timing and humor to present an entertaining, informative and colorful backdrop for the talented young singers.

And the history of this opera provides interesting avenues for exploration. Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" libretto was based on the second of a trilogy of plays written by a French dramatist, before the French Revolution. Figaro was the central character in the plays, which mocked royalty. It wasn't until 1816 that the first play in the trilogy was set to music as "The Barber of Seville."

The Oct. 5 program is part of the FYI: Opera series which the WWAC has sponsored for 25 years, offering the programs free to the public. The FYI program offers an inviting sample of CIM's fully costumed production of "The Marriage of Figaro," which will be performed Nov. 4-7 at CIM's Kulas Hall in University Circle. Information and tickets for CIM's production are available at cim.edu/events/onlinetickets or call 216-795-3211. ●

Mystery writer Les Roberts will sign new book in Westlake

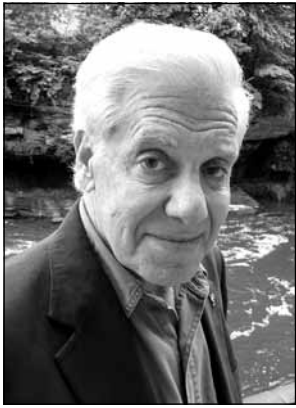
Mystery writer Les Roberts will meet and greet fans and autograph copies of his new book, "The Ashtabula Hat Trick," on Saturday Oct. 3, from 1-3 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers; 198 Crocker Park Blvd. in Westlake. The event is free and open to the public.

"The Ashtabula Hat Trick" is No. 18 in the series featuring Milan Jacovich (pronounced MY-lan YOCK-ovich), the Slovenian-American private investigator from Cleveland.

When Milan's beau – and Cleveland homicide detective – Tobe Blaine is tasked to investigate the first-ever murder in nearby Queenstown, Ohio, the two pack their bags for a trip to rural Ashtabula County. After another affluent citizen turns up dead, they discover that this small town has big secrets.

Les Roberts is the author of 18 mystery novels featuring Cleveland detective Milan Jacovich, as well as nine other books of fiction. A native of Chicago, he now lives in Stow, Ohio, and is a film and literary critic.

For more information about the book signing event at Barnes & Noble, call 440-250-9233. ●



Les Roberts

Correction

The "Snippets of Bay Village History" feature in the Sept. 1 issue contained inaccuracies about the founder of the Dover-Bay Gun Club. Fred Hansen, who started the club, did not live in Bay Village. He lived in Lakewood and was unrelated to the Hansen family that lived on Osborn and operated a laundry. Fred also founded The Hansen Manufacturing Company on West 150th Street in Cleveland.

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HUNTINGTON

from front page

Our next production at Huntington Playhouse will be a murder mystery comedy called "Death By Design." It opens on Sept. 17 and will run through Oct. 11 with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and one Sunday matinee on Oct. 11 at 2 p.m.

This funny mystery opens with a playwright and his actress wife fleeing London to their country home after a disastrous opening night. But various guests arrive unexpectedly—a conservative politician, a fiery socialist, a near-sighted ingenue, a zany modern dancer—each harboring a long-held secret. When one of the guests is murdered, it is left to

Bridget, the feisty maid with a macabre interest in homicide, to solve the crime.

Just in time for Halloween, "The Addams Family Musical" will open Oct. 22 and run through Nov. 15. Wednesday Addams is all grown up and is in love with a "normal boy from Ohio." Will he fit in with the Addams Family and their "unusual" way of life? Mayhem, music and fun are guaranteed! Gomez, Morticia, Uncle Fester, Lurch and more of the family are all there for a fantastic evening of theatre.

A holiday show will be announced in the very near future.

Box office hours are Wednesdays through Fridays, 1-4 p.m., and opens two hours prior to each performance. Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling 440-871-8333. ●

Citizens group forms to keep community theater in Bay Village

by EILEEN VERNON

In response to the recent announcement of the closing of Huntington Playhouse, a grassroots effort has surfaced to ensure that community theater lives on in the city. A group of residents, led by John Hnat, have formed the Citizens for Bay Village Community Theater, and created an online forum for public discussion.

The Facebook page in the group's name will record the thoughts of Bay Village residents regarding the closing of the Playhouse and the preservation of live theater in the city.

"As of Dec. 31, 2015, Huntington Playhouse as we know it will cease to exist," Hnat posted on the group page. "The purpose of this group is to keep a quality community theater presence viable in Bay Village. We will post updates concerning the present Playhouse, upcoming meetings to get together to discuss the future of theater in Bay Village and official fund raising efforts to keep community theater in

Bay Village. We invite residents to use this group as a forum to share possible solutions to the current situation; we hope to create a united front in keeping theater in Bay."

Anytime a community loses a major part of its identity such as a live theater venue, it is a shock. But, says Hnat, "These are facts and wishing and hoping that things could be different will serve no purpose other than wallowing in the past." The group is focused on the future.

"It will be a huge effort to save community theater in Bay Village, whether in the current location or as part of another plan," Hnat said. "The more people involved with this project, the better the chances of success."

An initial meeting of the Citizens for Bay Village Community Theater is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m., at the Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Road. All those interested in joining the effort are encouraged to attend. ●

Step forward to give back at Bay Cares event Oct. 10

by TARA WENDELL

As the lazy days of summer come to an end, are you looking for activities to keep yourself busy? Maybe you spent some time around Bay Village enjoying all that the community has to offer and would like to become involved.

If so, the third annual Bay Cares Fall Fest can help you find the perfect fit. On Saturday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., representatives from many of Bay's civic groups will set up tables at the Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Road, to share information about their organizations and the volunteer opportunities they offer.

Whether it's gardening, bicycling, history, art, public safety, democracy, veterans affairs, or providing assistance to those in need, there is a group of friendly folks in Bay Village just waiting for you to join them. Bring the whole family and enjoy free doughnuts and a performance by musicians from the Bay Village Community Band while the kids make fun fall crafts.

The Bay Cares Fall Fest is free for all to attend, sponsored by the Westlake | Bay Village Observer in partnership with the Bay Village Branch Library and the Friends of the Bay Village Library.

Limited table space is still available; interested civic groups should email tara@wbvobserver.com or call Barb Isaacs at 440-871-6392. ●



Signs will soon go up announcing the Oct. 10 Bay Cares Fall Fest.

Join in at www.wbvobserver.com

BAY SCHOOLS *from front page*

District maintenance workers Kevin Egan and Jack Heider were lauded for their carpentry skills. The pair built all the library's beautiful solid wood bookshelves and a large circulation desk, saving thousands of dollars.

Laptop computers fill the tables on one side of the room, while the other side can accommodate another full class of students. And two cozy reading corners feature sofas, tables and area rugs for quiet reading or small group work space.

"We've put additional time in our schedule for technology instruction in the media center," said Westerly Principal Josie Sanfilippo. "All our students will now have technology instruction twice a week to learn keyboarding, cybersafety and more, with an additional visit to the library for book check-outs."

At Normandy Elementary, a new classroom wing provides four spacious classrooms and two smaller learning spaces for a total of 5,060 square feet. Students there have a great view of the new playground that was provided through a \$5,000 donation from the Normandy PTA and a \$15,000 donation provided by Bay Village Kiwanis Club Foundation, Kiwanis Youth Service Committee and the family of longtime member, Leo Weiland.

"All of the work has made our school a brighter, more spacious and more comfortable place for learning," said Normandy Elementary Principal Dan Sebring.

Representatives from Regency Construction Services and ADA Architects were thanked for their good work, and about a dozen more district staff members were thanked for their various roles in the successful completion of the additions.



Superintendent Clint Keener, middle, stands with Bay Village Kiwanians Jim Potter and Foster McMasters in front of the new playground Kiwanis helped fund.



The 3,500-square-foot library media center at Westerly Elementary school.

Board of Education President Bob Piccirilli thanked the community for supporting the project by passing the bond issue. He told students, "Your principal provides your teachers with what they need, the superintendent makes sure your principal has what he or she needs, and

the school board makes sure the superintendent has what is need to give you a great education." He added, "But it is your parents, and all the other residents of Bay Village, who provide the dollars we need to support our schools." ●



Bay Village Board of Education members (right) Michael Caputo, Vice President Amy Huntley, Gayatry Jacob-Mosier, President Bob Piccirilli, Bill Selong and Michael Caputo join Normandy Principal Dan Sebring (center) and others who cut the dedication ribbon for Normandy Elementary's new classroom wing and playground. Included in ribbon-cutting honors were district Treasurer Kevin Robertson, Superintendent Clint Keener, Jason Calvey and Scott Wagner of Regency Construction Services, Mike Kotansky of ADA Architects, and Bay Schools staff members Sue Ondrejovich, Martin Ondrejovich, Dave Newsome and Rich Toth. Also serving as ribbon-cutters were Normandy PTA President Ashley Florez, Bay Village Kiwanis members Jim Potter and Foster McMasters, and student representatives. (Assistant Superintendent of Operations Daryl Stumph was honored, but not available for ceremony.)

BAY VILLAGE TREE COMMISSION

Trees: The gift of green

by JULIA SHUTT

Planting a tree on your tree lawn or gifting a tax-deductible memorial tree in a Bay Village city park is no longer a mystery. The Bay Village Tree Commission is taking the guesswork out of the process.

The commission has a master planting plan for each street in Bay Village. Citizens can purchase a tree that is in the plan by contacting the Bay Village Service Department. Once the order for the tree is placed, city arborist Mike Polinski will arrange for the Service Department to install the new tree. Gifting a memorial tree requires the same process. In addition,

the city of Bay Village will engrave a memorial plaque that will honor your special someone.

Trees are more than just beautiful green gifts. They help our neighborhoods by soaking up storm water, lessening air pollution, shading our homes and providing a haven for birds and wildlife. Trees make Bay Village a great place to come home to!

For more information about how to have a tree planted on your tree lawn or to gift a memorial tree planting in Cahoon Park, visit the Tree Commission webpage in the City Government section at cityof-bayvillage.com, or call the Bay Village Service Department, 440-871-1221. ●

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LOCAL HISTORY

Tracing history of century-old Vanek ‘farmhouse’ on Bassett Road

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

Probably anyone who lives in the west end of Bay Village has noticed some dramatic changes that have occurred in the southernmost block of Bassett Road, just north of the railroad tracks in the last couple years. Several small cottages have been replaced by substantial new homes on the east side of the street, while on the west side of the street, just north of Crossroads Church, a century home has received lots of invest-

ment. The house looked kind of forlorn for a number of years until it was purchased by new owners. Improvements include a large attached garage, painted red with a gambrel roof that looks like a barn. It is a nice addition to the house which looks like a typical gable/wing vernacular farmhouse.

However, it may never have technically been a farmhouse. In 1905 Frank Vanek purchased 6.12 acres of land from the C.M. Oviatt Manufacturing Co. His parcel was originally roughly the same size as the existing church parcel and it backed up to the Lutheran Mission Grounds which were accessed from Ashton Lane, once known as Link Road. To the north of his parcel was Henry and Maria Hagedorn's 18-acre parcel.

The home was built in 1910 by Frank Vanek and remained in the Vanek family for an incredible 86 years with Anna Elizabeth owning the property after Frank passed away in 1944. According to the Bay Directories she occupied the house

for another 50 years until 1994. They also indicate that Elizabeth Irene Vanek, their daughter, occupied the house until 1996.

The 1930 U.S. Census has the 46-year-old Frank and 33-year-old Anna occupying the home along with their daughters, Elizabeth, 12, and Marian, 5, along with his brother Joseph, 52. The reason that this may never have really been a farmhouse is that Frank is listed as a carpenter working in home construction in the Census and that he does not own a farm. Based on this information there is a chance that he literally constructed the home, which was valued for the Census at \$15,000 in 1930, and that any agriculture that occurred on the property was more of a sideline. An interesting footnote, considering Bay Village's proximity to Lake Erie, is that his brother is listed in the Census as working in the boat repair business.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

The Frank and Anna Vanek house on Bassett Road in Bay Village was built in 1910. It looks like a typical farmhouse, but research indicates its owners likely never farmed.

While some may object to changes made to the house such as vinyl siding and replacement windows and doors, it is nice to see investments made in the existing housing stock of Bay Village rather than just another teardown. I think Frank and Anna Vanek would be proud. ●

Snippets of Bay Village History: How the Lake Shore Electric right-of-way became a garden

by KAY LAUGHLIN

“Garden-giddy Bay Villagers are working on the railroad these days – to beautify it,” said Randall Brown in a Cleveland News article in 1940. The abandoned old Lake Shore Electric Interurban Railway right-of-way was sprouting shrubbery, bird baths, outdoor fireplaces, vegetable gardens and recreation areas. “The suburban gardeners are planting on land they don’t own and they know it,” said the article.

The expansion started in 1938, after the railway pulled its rails. Many railway ties were torn out and used for firewood in the fireplaces in the houses along the way. Residents helped themselves to the cinders for grading their lots and building driveways.

“That made things look pretty out back,” said Mrs. John Fleeman of 26758 Russell Road. “So we just thought we’d put a little more beauty in our back yard. We decided to do a little landscaping.” The result was that the Fleeman backyard became about 20 feet deeper, surrounded with shrubs, planted with flowers, and embellished with a bird bath, a bird house and stone steak grill, all on the right-of-way.

“We felt that if we never owned our new garden, it would still be nice to spruce it up a bit,” Mrs. Fleeman added. She guessed they had spent \$50 for top soil and shrubs on “another’s” property. Neighbors joined in, the Hrubys on the west and the Ranneys on the east, and

started extending their backyards too. Ranney installed an outdoor fireplace.

A two-mile walk along the right-of-way between Humiston Drive on the east end of Bay and Cahoon Road on the west revealed numbers of other garden plots, filled-in ditches, fences, and charcoal stoves all put in place by Bay Villagers. At some points the right-of-way is scraped bare of cinders for grassy backyards.

Ben Doer, who was Bay Village solicitor at that time, said in the Cleveland News article, “Title to the right-of-way depends on the particular plot. Some plots which the old railway originally bought outright are now the property of the Toledo Edison Co. which bought the road at auction. Others acquired with reversionary clauses have reverted to the original grantors or their heirs. However, to obtain full title to these latter plots, heirs must file actions to recover them.”

Many residents did purchase the lots when the Lake Shore Interurban stopped running in May 1938. My dad purchased 500 feet of right-of-way behind our house at



A 1940 Cleveland News article shows residents sprucing up the tracks.

31011 Lake Road and the neighbors’ on each side. The Foote family would have been the heirs. They must not have filed actions to recover their plots. I know my Dad paid the unpaid taxes on the plots.

We never had a garden on our track but the ditch was still there and it was fun to hunt for frogs in the murky waters and listen to the bullfrogs at night. I remember that the ties left behind weighed a ton and you couldn’t lift them without help.

At 26758 Russell Road, where I live today, the Fleeman family purchased their right-of-way. Our backyard is the deepest lot on the north side of Russell Road in the horseshoe. The rest of the right-of-way is part of the backyards of the residents on the south side of Bruce Road. I might add they are still beautiful with gardens today. ●

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Bay Kiwanis pancake breakfast to include a fairy tale flair

by KAREN UTHE

Bay Village Kiwanians and Bay High Key Clubbers will hold their annual fall homecoming pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Road. This year, the Fairytale Foundation Princesses make an appearance!

The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes pancakes, syrup, link sausages, milk, juice and coffee for \$6 per person presale, and \$7 at the door. Children age 5 and under eat for free. Advance tickets are available from your favorite Kiwanian, or by contacting Patrick Mosier at patrick.mosier@lubrizol.com or baykiwanis@gmail.com.

During the breakfast, the Fairytale Foundation Princesses will be stopping by to take photos with diners. (Bring your camera for photos.) There will also be fall crafts for children.

The Fairytale Foundation is a non-profit organization founded earlier this year by a group of Bay High School friends, aimed at helping to bring happiness to local kids while raising money for local charities and hospitals.

"The Kiwanis Club of Bay Village, along with the Bay High Key Club, team up for the annual homecoming pancake breakfast to welcome fall back to Bay. Come on out



The Fairytale Foundation Princesses will be stopping by this year's homecoming pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 4.

and enjoy a hot breakfast on a crisp, fall morning, while supporting two hometown service organizations," says Rhonda Schneider of the Kiwanis Club of Bay Village.

The meal is a community tradition, popular with students and families. Proceeds from the event benefit projects such as the recently renovated Normandy School Playground (this included a \$10,000 donation from Bay Village Kiwanis and Bay Village Kiwanis Foundation), the Village Project, Bay Village Fire Department, BAYarts, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center and many other local organizations.

Kiwanis volunteers have cooked and served pancakes for community causes in Bay Village for over half a century. The organization holds two pancake breakfasts a year to support community projects and scholarships. The next one will be in the spring of 2016. ●

Christina Ryook remembered at Porter Library on 9/11



PHOTO BY ELAINE WILLIS

Mira Han Turcinov, whose mom, Michelle Han, was Christina Ryook's best friend, enjoys a book in Christina's Corner shortly after the ceremony.

On Sept. 11, Westlake Porter Public Library hosted a ceremony to remember Christina Ryook, the Westlaker who was one of the victims of the 9/11 terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The ceremony, attended by Christina's family and friends, as well as Mayor Dennis Clough, was held in Christina's Corner.

Christina's Corner is an area of the Youth Services Department named for Ryook, who loved children and the library. The ceremony was followed by a reception which featured rubbings of Christina's name made at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City by Youth Services Manager Carolyn Fain. ●

Scouts take to the seas in friendly battle

by ZAK HAMIL

Around 200 years ago on Sept. 10, 1813, there was a naval battle on Lake Erie just off Put-in-Bay, the United States Navy against the British Royal Navy. The Americans had nine vessels, and after a fierce battle, they defeated the six British vessels. This battle prom-

ised control of Lake Erie for the rest of the War of 1812.

On a recent Sunday in August, Bay Sea Scouts, in a 44-foot Navy yawl sailing out of Spitzer Lakeside Marina, had a reenactment of the Battle of Lake Erie. Bay's "Intrepid" crew fought against Lorain Sea Scouts in their 32-foot sailboat "Bananas," which sails out of the Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club. The "war," using super soakers, was waged to the west of the Lorain lighthouse. We really had a fun time spraying water at each other. At the end the British won but that's OK.

Sea Scouting is a co-ed youth boating program; for more information contact, skipper@seascoutship41.org. ●



PHOTO BY PAUL BURIK

A Lorain Sea Scout fires a water gun at Bay Sea Scouts aboard the Intrepid in a reenactment of the Battle of Lake Erie.

WESTLAKE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Spooky and fun events at the Westlake Rec

by JIM DISPIRITO

Fall has arrived and the Westlake Recreation Department is ready to go. Three special events are on the calendar so stop on in and register before the leaves fall and you are left holding the rake!

First up is our third annual Spooktacular Scarecrow Contest. For \$20 you will receive the wood frame and straw. The rest is up to you. Deadline to register is Sept. 30, and then on Saturday, Oct. 3, you will stop in and pick up your supplies from the Recreation Department. Take them home and get your scarecrow together. Return your assembled scarecrow to the Recreation Department by Oct. 15 for display and judging.

The annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Hunt will be



PHOTO BY ANN HOLLOWES

A youngster compares the before and after of a pumpkin craft during last year's Fall Festival at the Westlake Rec Center.

held on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 1-4 p.m. on the grounds of the Westlake Recreation Center. Come for this fun-

filled festival for ages 9 and younger with a pumpkin hunt, face painters, hay rides, refreshments and more fun and games than you can imagine. Stop in and register now!

The Trick or Treat Trail is back and bigger than ever. Starting at 7 p.m. and lasting until 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16, participants can walk the Trick or Treat trail. The trail will have numerous decorated areas and scary scenes. Along the way families can trick-or-treat at various stations. All family members must be registered in order to participate. Cost is \$3 for children and \$4 for adults. Advance registrations are requested; however, we will take registrations the night of until 8:30 p.m. We encourage all participants to dress up as well and try to scare our ghosts and goblins. All areas are appropriate for all ages.

For more information about these events, or to register, visit www.cityofwestlake.org/recreation/index.aspx or by stop by the Recreation Center at 28955 Hilliard Blvd. ●

WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30 (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.

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 16, 23 AND 30 (4-5:30 P.M.) AND THURSDAYS, SEPT. 17 AND 24 (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, Sept. 16 (7-8:45 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – “Genealogical Treasures of the Internet Archives,” presented by Carla Cegielski.

Wednesday, Sept. 16 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKER CLUB EMERGING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM: DIGITAL BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS – This club explores Maker Movement projects monthly. This month we’ll explore OverDrive, Hoopla, Zinio, Freegal, OneClickDigital, TumbleBooks, reference books from EBSCOHost and Gale Virtual Reference Library, and other free sources from the library! Please register.

Thursday, Sept. 17 (Combined Basic/Advanced Session: 6:30 p.m.) and Friday, Sept. 18 (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/handsontaining.

Thursday, Sept. 17 (3:30-5 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, Sept. 18 (10:30-11:30 p.m.)

HOMESCHOOL HUB – Developed for homeschoolers with special needs, each session includes literature, art and motor skill development. Registration begins Sept. 11.

Saturday, Sept. 19 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) POKEMON LEAGUE – Bring your cards and accessories for a fun morning of play, crafts, prizes and more! For kids ages 6-12 only.

Saturday, Sept. 19 (1-2 p.m.) TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY! – Aaarr! Ahoy mateys! Shiver me timbers and join us for a swashbuckling storytime! Draw your own treasure map, sing pirate songs, and even walk the plank. Aye, aye, captain! For ages 4-7. Registration begins Sept. 12.

Saturday, Sept. 19 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS CLUB – Bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-12.

Sunday, Sept. 20 (2-3:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS! – Games, crafts, puzzles and more! All ages welcome. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Mondays, Sept. 21 and 28 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to the Teen Lounge! We’ve got computers, video games, board games, snacks and more! Grades 7-12.

Monday, Sept. 21 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTOR’S INTEREST GROUP: WILLS, TRUSTS, & AVOIDING PROBATE: 4 CRITICAL DOCUMENTS EVERYONE NEEDS – Ensure that your wishes are respected with 4 basic documents. Learn simple planning techniques that the pros use to pass assets to the right people in the right amounts at the right time. Please register.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: WRITING TO EMPLOYERS – Learn professional letter-writing techniques including how to write effective cover letters, marketing letters, follow-up letters and more.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 (7-8 p.m.) THE HEALING POWER OF LAUGHTER – With personal anecdotes backed by current research, Lisa Thomas, R.N., will discuss laughter therapy, its effects on your health and how it’s being implemented today. Please register.

Wednesday, Sept. 23 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DIS-

CUSSION – The September selection is “Miracle at Augusta” by James Patterson.

Wednesday, Sept. 23 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) COFFEE WITH LINDA – Local author, spiritual intuitive and channeler Linda Street returns to delve further into the topic of meditation as a means to connect to the energies of nature to heal your psyche, elevate your spirit, and draw good things into your life. Small group discussion; attendance limited to 20. Please register.

Wednesday, Sept. 23 (7-8:30 p.m.) HOW ORGANIZATIONS CAN USE SOCIAL MEDIA EFFECTIVELY – Learn how to use social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, to effectively promote your business or nonprofit organization. Please register.

Thursday, Sept. 24 (12-1:30 p.m.) SMALL BUSINE\$\$ LUNCH & LEARN: SOCIAL MEDIA 101: THE BASICS OF SOCIAL MEDIA – Learn the value of using social media to reach your customers, how it can lead to new customers, and how it drives repeat business from your current customers. We will look at the 5 most popular social media networks – Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+ and Pinterest – and discuss which is right for your business and how and what to post on social media. Please register.

Friday, Sept. 25 (10 a.m.-noon) PORTER’S FIBER FANATICS – A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems, and show off.

Friday, Sept. 25 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME – A storytime for children with special needs and their parents/caregivers featuring 30 minutes of interactive stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities. Content is geared to ages 3-7. Registration begins one week before each session.

Saturday, Sept. 26 (10:30-11 a.m.) MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE! – An interactive storytime featuring simple books, rhymes, songs and movement. For ages birth-3 with an adult caregiver.

Saturday, Sept. 26 (2-3:30 p.m.) FROM BACH TO ROCK: MUSIC IN NON-MUSICAL MOVIES – Dr. Keller returns for another fun session of music history! We will be learning about the importance and purpose of music in non-musical movies, from the silent films and into the “talkies.” Please register.

Saturday, Sept. 26 (4-5 p.m.) FULL

STEAM AHEAD – Each session will explore a different aspect of STEAM learning. This month we’ll focus on math. Grades 3 and 4. Registration begins Sept. 19.

Sept. 27-Oct. 3 BANNED BOOKS CONTEST – In honor of Banned Books Week, we’ve taken 2 commonly banned books (one for children and one for teens), shredded them, and put them on display for everyone to see. If you can correctly guess what book we’ve shredded, your name will be entered into a prize drawing. Don’t worry, the books we shredded were in poor condition and we still have copies of these books on our shelves. Winning entries will be drawn on Oct. 4. Grades 1-6 and 7-12.

Monday, Sept. 28 (7-8:30 p.m.) BUDGETING FOR A BETTER LIFE – Explore the importance of using a budget. Learn how to create a budget and techniques for following and sticking to it to accomplish goals. Please register.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: SETTING UP A LINKEDIN PROFILE – Job seekers in almost all fields need to have a LinkedIn profile. Bring a resume for review and a flash drive with your resume in Word. Sign up online or by calling 440-250-5460. Only 12 seats at computers – others can bring in their own computer.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 (7-8:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP – Christine A. Chambers, Med, OTR/L, will help parents gain an understanding of typical executive function skills at the preschool through preteen levels. Parents will learn strategies to help their child gain better emotional control and flexibility. Registration required; call 440-250-5563.

Wednesday, Sept. 30 (7-8 p.m.) COLLEGE 101 WITH ESSAY TIPS! – It’s never too early (or too late) to start thinking about planning your future. Patty Saddle will go over all the different factors that go into finding the best college fit, including researching your options, navigating college visits and interviews, standard vs. early admission, and more. She’ll also include tips for writing the best college essays! Open to both students and parents! Registration begins Sept. 23.

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

Celebrate fall at Unity equinox ceremony

by SHARON FEDOR

It may be tough to admit, but winter preparations are underway. Have you already noticed some sure signs all around you? Daylight hours are getting shorter, nights longer and chillier. Flip-flops have been relinquished to the back of the closet, knowing your toes will be in boots soon. Mums are being planted, while other flowers have come and gone, once flashing pretty colors, now browned out. With all of this activity going on around us, it is hard to ignore that significant

change is happening!

An equinox is an astronomical event, occurring twice a year in spring and fall. The word itself is Latin, with “equi” meaning equal, and “nox” meaning night. So on the equinox date, which is Sept. 23 this year, day and night are almost equally balanced at 12 hours all over the world. The tilt of the Earth’s axis and its orbit around the sun combine, so that the slant is equally inclined, neither toward or away from the sun.

The equinox is also significant because it marks the astronomical first day of fall. From this date on, daylight in the Northern Hemisphere will gradually grow shorter until the winter solstice on Dec. 21. Nature’s wild creatures are responding to this call by growing heavier coats, while birds and butterflies are migrating south along the sun’s path. Trees are putting on their coat of many colors for a final fashionable bow before the blast of fury.

Equinoxes and solstices are a time of preparation, organization and celebration. Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Road, invites all to join us on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 6-9 p.m. for a joyful, autumn equinox ceremony. The evening will be filled with activities of a lively and celebratory nature. Families welcome! Celebrate the seasons; say goodbye to the warmth of summer, and give gratitude for the heat of fire to keep us warm as the coming cold chills us. Make joyful noise with drums, rattles, rain sticks, song, chants and prayer.

Around 7 p.m., come inside for a potluck. Be sure to bring a favorite dish to share. After the potluck there will be a community drum circle inside, or a candlelit labyrinth walk outside. Bring an intention to use on your labyrinth walk. Many drums and rattles will be supplied. Outside events are weather permitting. A love offering will be collected. ●

LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Eyes to the sky on Sept. 27

by WENDY HANNA

A total lunar eclipse will be observable in the night sky on Sunday, Sept. 27. No special equipment, telescopes or eye protection are required to enjoy the phenomena. Simply step outdoors and turn your eyes to the sky! Spectators can expect to see the full, white moon gradually turning red.

A lunar eclipse occurs when the moon travels through Earth's shadow in space. The Earth's shadow is actually not black, as some may expect, but red. This is the result of the planet's atmosphere acting as a prism and reflecting the red color onto the moon.

Formally beginning at 8:11 p.m., the first noticeable changes will begin at approximately 9:07 p.m. The transformation is expected to be complete by

10:47 p.m. and the red (or "blood") moon should be visible until shortly after midnight.

Those interested in getting a preview of the eclipse are invited to attend You-niverse at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. You-niverse is an ongoing planetarium program designed to provide audiences of all ages with information about what's occurring in the current night sky. Programs presented from Sept. 20-27 will include information about the lunar eclipse and can be seen Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon and 2 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The program lasts approximately 25 minutes and tickets are \$3 per person.

For more information about the lunar eclipse, other planetarium programs or events happening at the Center, please contact 440-871-2900 or lensc.org. ●



A lunar eclipse is also referred to as a "blood moon." The eclipse should be observable on Sept. 27 from approximately 9 p.m. until midnight.

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St. John Medical Center teamwork results in celebration of life

The results of teamwork and technology were clearly evidenced recently at St. John Medical Center when Westlake resident Amanda Van Schoor, 36, thanked her family and caregivers for saving her life after suffering a cardiac arrest.

Amanda's life was celebrated at St. John Medical Center by her caregivers and Abiomed, makers of a miniature pump that can be threaded through an artery and placed inside the heart to help critically ill heart attack and heart failure patients by assisting the heart's main pumping chamber to drive blood through the body.

Last Feb. 7, Amanda's husband, Nick, had found his unresponsive wife on the floor, called 911 and followed the dispatcher's instructions to provide CPR. Westlake EMS responded quickly and

delivered Amanda to the SJMC Emergency Room, where caregivers found blood flow to Amanda's brain and other vital organs were being compromised.

Within an hour, SJMC interventional cardiologist Naim Farhat, MD, and his team at SJMC inserted the Impella pump through a vein and into Amanda's heart. She was life-flighted to University Hospitals, where the Impella pumped blood to her vital organs for nine days until Amanda's heart recovered enough that it could pump on its own.

"We have a great team at SJMC," said Atul Hulyalkar, MD, Amanda's St. John Medical Center cardiologist. While stressing the importance of immediate action and effective communication among the team of first responders and caregivers, Dr. Hulyalkar also acknowledged the incredible family support that



Westlake resident Amanda Van Schoor, third from left, credits her caregiving team at St. John Medical Center for saving her life after a cardiac arrest. Pictured with Amanda are Dana Ingraham, SJMC Abiomed representative; and SJMC cardiologists Naim Farhat, MD, and Atul Hulyalkar, MD.

Amanda received throughout her ordeal. He attributed the extraordinary support and involvement of family members as "making all the difference" in her successful recovery.

Recognizing how everyone involved

worked together in partnership on Amanda's behalf, Bill Young, President and CEO of St. John Medical Center, stated, "This is how we can truly make a difference for the people that we serve in our community." ●

WEST SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber gives away car at Power of More event

by TAMMY BERTRAND

Sept. 9 was the day West Shore Chamber of Commerce members have been waiting for all year. As part of the Power of More, members had the opportunity to add an entry into the Kia Optima drawing every time they attended a Power of More chamber event during the year.

This all came to a happy close for one lucky member at Montrose Kia in Sheffield, who donated a three-year lease on the car. A variety of other prizes were given out as well, but the new Optima went to Fairview Park Chamber member Eileen Donahue. All members enjoyed cocktails and delicious food while enjoying another great evening of networking. ●



PHOTO BY TAMMY BERTRAND

Chamber members at the Sept. 9 Power of More event at Montrose Kia await the drawing for the winner of a 3-year auto lease.

Something for everyone at the Bay Village Dwyer Senior Center!

by LESLIE SELIG

Many interesting programs are upcoming at the Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane. To register or for more information, call 440-835-6565.

What's New at Playhouse Square
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 9:30 a.m.

George McNulty will talk about the history of Playhouse Square, and how the theatres survived the wrecking ball in the '70s. He then will review the upcoming productions in the Broadway Series. Two tickets will be given away for an upcoming performance!

Nature Trip to Sandy Ridge Reservation
Tuesday, Sept. 22, 9:30 a.m.

We will tour this wetland and wildlife preserve with a Sandy Ridge naturalist. Some seats are available on the tram, or you may walk. Departure is from the Dwyer Center. Cost is \$10.

Bone Density Testing
Monday, Sept. 28, 9-11 a.m.

Testing will be conducted by St. John Medical Center. No special instructions are

needed for this test, and no appointment is necessary.

Watercolor Class
Begins Monday, Oct. 5, 1 p.m.

This class, instructed by Joyce Bolte, is for experienced painters. The six-week session will cost \$68 for Bay Village residents, and \$70 for non-residents.

Fall Trip to Lakeview Cemetery
Thursday, Oct. 15, 9:30 a.m.

A tour guide will provide insight into the history, architecture and horticulture, as well as the famous individuals buried at Lakeview. Tour includes the magnificent Wade Chapel and James A. Garfield Monument. Cost is \$15, which includes the tour and transportation.

Review Medicare Coverage
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Medicare open enrollment is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, 2015. Counselors from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program will be at the Dwyer Center to review insurance coverage and answer questions about the various Medicare options. Space is limited. Appointment required. ●

Bay Village & Westlake residents: October 5 is the deadline to register to vote in the November 3 General Election

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SPORTING VIEWS

Prediction? Pain. Lots of it.

by JEFF BING

“So, where do you think the Browns will finish?” That’s the question making the rounds in Cleveland these days. A quick perusal of the schedule says the Browns will finish at FirstEnergy Stadium on Jan. 3, 2016, against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

“No, wise guy, where do you think the Browns will finish *record-wise*?”

Oh. Now that’s a horse of a different color. Regrettably, in truth I think the Browns season will end much earlier than next January. In fact, it might be over before we see a stinkin’ frost, for that matter. Anyway, I went over the schedule and tried to be realistic in choosing who was likely to win. I know, I know: If Browns fans can’t dream, what on Earth is left? So I apologize in advance for this ...

Sept. 13 @ Jets: The Browns come out of the gate strong, and hang one on the struggling Jets. Tickertape parade down East 9th as Super Bowl dreams get out of hand.

Sept. 20 vs. Titans: Browns shock the world as they send the Titans a message: You must really stink to lose to us! We’re 2-0 and Browns frenzy is out of control; statue of Josh McCown goes up on Lakeside – and I mean *literally* in the *middle* of the street.

Sept. 27 vs. Raiders: Browns make the Raiders look like schoolgirls as they improve to 3-0. Jimmy Haslam is elected mayor of Cleveland; Browns fans don’t think that’s good enough and make him *president* of Cleveland.

Oct. 4 @ Chargers: Runaway train known as the Browns is derailed as the reality of actually playing a team suited for the NFL sinks in. Browns slip to 3-1, but tailgaters continue to party; some still remain in the Muny lot from game No. 1.

Oct. 11 @ Ravens: The ghost of Art Modell is supposedly spotted cackling from his private loge as the Ravens clobber the Browns. Fans still giddy over winning record which slips to 3-2.

Oct. 18 vs. Broncos: Coming into the Browns game, QB Peyton Manning had been awful. Nonetheless, he throws for 637 yards as Broncos get second win of season over 3-3 Browns, who are now at .500. Haslam is spotted after game tear-

ing down McCown statue (which helps Lakeside traffic immeasurably).

Oct. 25 @ Rams: Rams, who looked like underachievers previously, achieve quite a bit against Brownies, and clobber them, 42-7. Johnny Manziel enters game in second half; injures arm throwing first pass; Browns now 3-4.

Nov. 1 vs. Cardinals: Browns go into game thinking they have weather advantage over Arizona, except on this day it’s 78 degrees and toasty. Browns get toasted and see record dehydrate to 3-5.

Nov. 5 @ Bengals: Bengals have Brownies for lunch; Pettine demands Bengals be drug-tested. Browns’ record is tested as it becomes 3-6.

Nov. 15 @ Steelers: Browns have 10 days of rest which is thought to be an advantage until it becomes apparent that most of the players forgot the plays. Browns imitate the Titanic and sink to 3-7.

Nov. 22 Bye week: Fans celebrate that this is the first week in the past eight that the Browns haven’t lost. It’s all relative, gang.

Nov. 30 vs. Ravens: Hmmm. Monday nighter on national TV vs. the Ravens. What could go wrong? *Oh, I know, I know! Everything!* Browns lose game and all of TV audience in losing, 56-3. Incredibly, Haslam says Browns “are still in it” at 3-8.

Dec. 6 vs. Bengals: Browns appear to want to get an early start with Christmas shopping as they present the Bengals with an early gift by not showing up to play. Humiliated Browns now 3-9.

Dec. 13 vs. 49ers: 49ers discover fool’s gold (emphasis on “fool”) and make Browns look like a “miner” obstacle in yet another rout. Browns wish they could choose another route out of stadium as record falls to 3-10.

Dec. 20 @ Seahawks: Seahawks laugh themselves silly in picking Browns (now 3-11) apart.

Dec. 27 @ Chiefs: Andy Reid is signed to lifetime contract after smoking Browns, who limp off the field at 3-12.

Jan. 3 vs. Steelers: Browns appear to snap losing streak, but it’s not to be when they forfeit after Haslam runs out on field to argue a ref’s call, then refuses to leave. Browns end up just short of the playoffs at 3-13.

They should make the season three games long. ●

Bay Alumni Foundation announces 2015 HOF inductees

by JAMES JOYCE

The Bay Alumni Foundation is honored to announce the 2015 inductees for the Bay High School Distinguished Alumni / Educator Hall of Fame. The Bay High HOF has recognized exemplary lifetime contributions to male and female participants as far back as 1931 and currently has over 65 members. A full list of prior inductees can be viewed at www.bayalumni.com.

“The 2015 inductees – both alumni and educators – are individuals who have dedicated their time and talent to a highly diverse set of organizations, activities and occupations – all of them being highly accomplished and dedicated to excellence in many unique areas,” said Lee Rohlke, president Bay High Alumni Foundation. “Their commitment to Bay High School, the city of Bay Village, fellow classmates, co-workers, many civic and volunteer organizations was, and is, phenomenal and greatly appreciated.”

The inductees will be honored during the homecoming game on Oct. 2 at Bay Memorial Stadium. The Bay Alumni Foundation is hosting the formal induction ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 3, with a brunch at the Fountain Bleau in Avon Lake. Tickets are \$30 and all are welcome. Please send checks for your reservation to Bay Alumni Foundation, 377 Dover Center Road, Bay Village, Ohio 44140.

Please join us in welcoming the 2015 inductees:

Jim Liberatore, Class of 1980. Current president of the Outdoor Group Cable Network (OGCN), which includes the Outdoor Channel, the Sportsman Channel and World Fishing Network. Prior to OGCN he was president of SportsTime Ohio and vice president of sales at Madison Square Garden and Madison Square Garden Network. While with SportsTime Ohio Jim initiated the Hoops for Hunger basketball game between Rocky River and Bay Village culminating in over \$80,000 being donated to the Cleveland food bank. Jim Liberatore is a fine example of an alumni giving back to the community and his high school alma mater.

Michael DiLauro, Class of 1967. Professor of media arts and director of the Academic Media Center at Robert Morris University. He has been the faculty lead for the study abroad program and served as the co-director for the Rooney Scholar Program. He lectures throughout the United States at universities, cultural centers, religious groups and Italian American identity. As a producer, Michael has been the recipient of five Emmys and other awards for TV and film.

Chris Ronayne, Class of 1986. President of University Circle Inc., a nonprofit community service corporation responsible for developing service and advocacy for the University Circle area. Before joining UCI, Chris served the City of Cleveland as planning director, chief development officer and chief of staff; he was also the chief architect of the city waterfront district plan, an ambitious effort to reconnect people of Cleveland to Lake Erie.

John Wichman, Bay High Educator. Mr. Wichman inspired many generations of Bay High students by bringing history to life. By 1970s standards, his incredible presentation using technology and props left a lasting impression with all his students. One student said Mr. Wichman transported his world history class every day from Wolf Road to Ancient Rome. From his favorite saying, “nothing is new,” to his chariot race soundtrack from “Ben Hur,” the students at Bay High were lucky to have such a gifted, dedicated, inspiring educator. Mr. Wichman still resides in Bay Village.

Edward Wells, Bay High Educator. As an educator at Bay High School in the 1950s, Mr. Wells was known for his professionalism and his compassion. He was an Ohio State graduate with a master’s degree in American history. Mr. Wells encouraged students to think outside the box and dig deeper into each of his lessons to learn more about the individuals in history. There was never a dull moment in Mr. Wells’ class, telling his students a seemingly endless supply of little-known stories about the famous and not-so-famous individuals in world history. Mr. Wells passed away in 1982 after 42 years as an educator. ●

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tough decision will allow hospital to grow

The Sisters of Charity Health System recently announced a decision to allow St. John Medical Center to become part of UH as a Catholic hospital.

St. John Medical Center is a gem, and is successful today because of the foresight and commitment of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. I’m proud to have been a founding board member of this hospital. I saw firsthand how the Sisters – under leadership of Sisters Mary Patricia Barrett, Mary Ann Andrews and Judith Ann Karam – exemplified courage and respect as they brought partners together to create St. John Medical Center as a preeminent health care provider in Westlake. They are visionaries.

Transferring ownership to UH was not an easy decision. The Sisters love this hospital. Yet they recognized

this opportunity for St. John to grow as a flagship hospital of UH, thus expanding Catholic health care on the West Side. I am impressed with the Sisters’ strength to make this selfless decision.

I hope the community recognizes how the Sisters have, for 164 years, courageously served this community. I know many of these gifted women. Their healing mission through St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, Mercy Medical Center and other ministries vibrantly continues.

– Leo M. Spellacy, Cleveland
Spellacy is a retired judge on the 8th District Court of Appeals.

Tri-C Westshore offers free lecture series on how to live a better life

by KRISTIN BROKA

The Westshore Campus of Cuyahoga Community College will explore topics such as health and wellness, personal finance, and arts and culture during its “Learning for Life” lecture series this academic year.

The free educational series offers evening lectures and brown bag lunch discussions at Westshore Campus and Corporate College West in Westlake. Tri-C faculty members and local experts will lead the sessions.

“The ‘Learning for Life’ lecture series enhances the College’s mission of providing high quality and accessible educational opportunities – not just for our students, but also to members of our community,” said Robert Searson, dean of academic affairs at Westshore Campus.

The new series runs through April and expands and builds upon the popular “Year of the Brain” programs offered by the campus the past two years.

Topics, times and dates for “Learning for Life” sessions through November are as follows. For the complete series

schedule access this article at wbvobserver.com.

Mental Disease – Myth or Reality. Wednesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m., in the Westshore Campus Atrium

Brown Bag Lunch: The Anatomy of a Heart Attack. Thursday, Sept. 24, 12:30 p.m., at Westshore Campus, Room 112

How to Manage/Multiply Your Finances. Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m., in the Westshore Campus Atrium

Brown Bag Lunch: How to Read Poetry. Thursday, Oct. 22, 12:30 p.m., at Corporate College West, Room 112

The Importance of Gratitude. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., in the Westshore Campus Atrium

Brown Bag Lunch: Fast Food in the Middle Ages and Today. Thursday, Nov. 19, 12:30 p.m., at Westshore Campus, Room 112

All of the events are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. The Westshore Campus is at 31001 Clemens Road, while Corporate College West is at 25425 Center Ridge Road (the corner of Columbia and Center Ridge roads).

For additional information, visit www.tri-c.edu/LearningforLife. ●

WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Marker honors Westlake’s Cooley

by LYSA STANTON

On Saturday, Sept. 12, the Westlake Historical Society dedicated an Ohio Historical Marker to George L. Cooley.

This marker honors one of Westlake’s own. Affectionately known to many as “Uncle George,” he has myriad credits to his name – teacher, contractor, road builder, insurance executive and organizer of county and state farmers.

George was born in 1861 and raised on a farm at what is now the corner of Dover Center Road and Hilliard Boulevard. After attending Ohio Northern University, he taught at the Osborn School, located in the part of Dover Township that is now Bay Village, then taught at the old Red Brick School on Dover Center Road.

He was the contractor for the Huntington water tower in Bay Village, as well

as many homes and barns throughout the community. George built some of the first paved roads in Ohio and helped organize the state department of transportation, as well as those in California and Louisiana.

George served as chairman of the assembly which organized the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation in 1919 and served on its board of directors for many years. He also co-founded the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, predecessor to Nationwide Insurance Company, and served as its president until his death in 1939.

The marker is located near the Westlake Police Department on Dover Center Road, on land that was once owned by the Cooley family.

George Cooley was a fine Dover/Westlake citizen and we are proud to honor him in this way. ●



George Cooley’s grandson Roger Cooley, left, and his wife, Lollie, were joined at the historical marker dedication ceremony by Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough.

PHOTO BY DAN HIRSCHFELD

Bay Cares Fall Fest

Saturday, Oct. 10
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bay Village Branch Library
502 Cahoon Road

A free, fun event to learn about Bay’s many community groups and to find out how you can make a difference!

Looking to volunteer in Bay Village while doing something you enjoy? Stop by for a fun, family-friendly outing and learn about the many community organizations that help to make Bay the great city that it is.



The Bay Cares Fall Fest will feature free donuts and cider, kids’ crafts, a performance by members of the one and only Bay Village Community Band and tables with representatives of Bay’s civic groups and nonprofit organizations.



AND IT’S ALL FREE.

Take your hobby or interests – gardening, bicycling, history, art, science, democracy, sustainability, providing assistance to those in need, public safety veterans affairs and more – to the next level, make new friends and make a difference in our community.



Come and meet these great organizations:

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| Bay Village Historical Society | Boy Scouts |
| BAYarts | Bay Sea Scouts |
| Bay Village Garden Club | Village Bicycle Cooperative |
| League of Women Voters, Bay Village | Westlake Bay Village Observer |
| Bay Village Women’s Club | Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library |
| Dwyer Senior Center | Bay Village Foundation |
| Bay Village Auxiliary Police | Rotary Club of Westlake-Bay Village |
| Bay Village Kiwanis | VFW Post 9693 |
| Village Project | American Legion |
| Bay Village Green Team | WestShore Lions |
| Women’s Board of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center | Daughters of the American Revolution |
| | Daughters of the War of 1812 |

Presented by the Westlake | Bay Village Observer, the Bay Village Branch Library and the Friends of the Bay Village Branch.

Perfect weather for participants at 25th annual Celebrate Westlake event

A mild temperature in the low 70s was ideal for hundreds of runners and walkers at St. John Medical Center's annual Celebrate Westlake event on Sept. 5. The fundraising event for local charities featured a 5-Mile Run, a 5K Run & 5K Walk and a 1-Mile & 1/2-Mile Kids' Fun Dash. The day's activities included booths at a health and fitness expo, free sport massages, health screenings and refreshments on the park-like campus of the hospital. ●



PHOTOS BY DENNY WEDELL

Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough rings the bell to start the 5-mile run down Center Ridge Road during Celebrate Westlake, St. John Medical Center's annual event on Labor Day weekend.



Teen volunteers from Youth Challenge line up to hand off water to runners at the midpoint of the 5-mile run.



Bay Village Touch-a-Truck event draws big crowd



Bay Village Fire Chief Chris Lyons poses with some future fire department recruits in front of the Metro Life Flight helicopter which landed in Cahoon Memorial Park.



Youngsters climb aboard Splash One, a BVFD water rescue boat.



The Touch-a-Truck event held Sept. 12 featured vehicles from the Bay Village fire, police and service departments. Residents also had an opportunity to meet police officers, firefighters/paramedics and service department employees.

BAYarts honors watercolorist Robert Moyer

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

Join BAYarts this month as they celebrate a lifetime of watercolor work by Robert Moyer. The opening reception is in the Sullivan Family Gallery on Friday, Sept. 18, from 7-9 p.m., and the exhibition extends through Oct. 10. A gallery talk is then slated for Sunday, Sept. 27, from 2-4 p.m.

Moyer continues to teach watercolor classes at BAYarts. Executive Director Nancy Heaton refers to Moyer as “one of BAYarts’ rockstars.” She continues, “In light of his multitudes of accomplishments and the undeniable talent honed through years of work, we are so pleased to have BAYarts offering this retrospective exhibition to the community. He creates some of the best and most respected watercolor work you’ll ever see.”

Moyer’s fall watercolor class at BAYarts begins on Sept. 17, details are available on bayarts.net or by calling 440-871-6543.

The gallery exhibition will focus on landscapes and portraiture. ●



“Self Portrait” watercolor by Robert Moyer.

Clague Playhouse kicks off season with ‘The Ghost Train’

by ALEXANDER NALBACH

Clague Playhouse, 1371 Clague Road, will present Arnold Ridley’s classic comedy thriller “The Ghost Train” as the first production of its 87th season.

A group of passengers are left stranded at a New England train station in 1926. Forced to spend the night in the dingy waiting area, the travelers soon learn of the station’s eerie past and the phantom train that appears to haunt the tracks at the same time every night. Tempers flare and tensions mount as the commuters try to come to grips with the impending doom settling in around them.

“The Ghost Train” is directed by Ron Newell. The cast includes Katie

Atkinson, Jean Cummins, Mike Kunikis, Mark Mayo, Regis McGann, Kate Miller, Alex Nalbach, Dennis Runkle, Alli St. John, Lou Will, and Brandon Wurgess.

The production runs from Sept. 18 through Oct. 11 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors (60+), and \$10 for students (with valid ID) and may be purchased by calling the box office at 440-331-0403 Wednesday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m.

Upcoming productions this season will include “Nuncrackers” (Nov. 13-Dec. 13), “Proof” (Jan. 15-Feb. 7), “Miracle on South Division Street” (March 11-April 3), and “Panache” (May 6-29). Visit clagueplayhouse.org for details. ●

St. Raphael’s annual pet blessing set for Oct. 8

by ANNE STRAITIFF

Bearded dragons, hermit crabs and less-exotic household animals and their families are invited to the 11th annual Blessing of the Pets on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of St. Raphael Church in Bay Village.

Individual blessings will be given to each animal. Dog treats from Landmark will be distributed and a garden statue of St. Francis will be given away. The event is free and all are welcome!

The event was first held in 2005 to commemorate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

St. Raphael pastor, Fr. Tim Gareau, commented, “We welcome all our friends in the surrounding neighborhoods to join with us on this day, to give thanks for all God’s creatures – especially our faithful animal companions

– and ask for his continued blessings on our families, our community, and on all living things entrusted to our care.”

St. Raphael is located at 525 Dover Center Road; parking is behind the church.

Please note: Dogs should be on leashes; cats and other pets in carriers or cages. The event will be cancelled if it rains. ●



This little pup was eager to be blessed by Deacon Tom Senn at last year’s event.

PHOTO BY BILL BINE

THE BAY VILLAGE FOUNDATION

Coming soon, new fun for kids at Play in Bay

by EILEEN VERNON

Several new features will be installed at the popular playground, Play in Bay in just a few weeks. The new equipment is a gift from The Bay Village Foundation in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the Foundation. According to Dan Enovitch it won’t be a long wait, “We are scheduled to begin the installation on October 5th.” Providing that the weather cooperates the new equipment will be ready for play by mid October. The Service Department is going to install the new features weather permitting. The build out will take only a few days.” The new installation calls to expand the area south from the current playground to the tennis courts and add a 3 section rock climbing wall, hand over hand parallel bars, two chinning bars, 90 degree tri-rung hand over hand ladder, double cargo net wall, balance beam and 8 stepping pods. That should keep the kids busy in the great outdoors.

The wooden structure of Play in Bay needs to be refurbished and safety is a key element in the plan. The Bay Village Foundation is seeking funds to help bring the twenty-year-old structure up to date. We are counting on the folks in Bay to contribute to the project. “The total cost



Play in Bay will be updated with new equipment funded by The Bay Village Foundation.

is roughly \$90,000, and we have already raised nearly \$12,000. A mailing will be going out to all households in the community shortly as we broaden our fundraising efforts,” says Al Paulus, Foundation president. “We are excited to be able to add a new features to Play in Basy that can be used by children of all ages.”

“We are grateful for the generosity of the Village Foundation in funding the project. The city is lucky to have a civic organization that does so much for the community!” says Dan Enovitch, Bay Village Recreation Department director. ●

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BAY VILLAGE FOUNDATION COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bay Village groups share fall plans

by JESSICA BRESLIN

The Bay Village Community Council met Thursday, Sept. 3, and representatives from many of the city's civic groups shared news and notes from their organizations.

The Bay Village Women's Club's annual holiday luncheon and raffle will be Dec. 3 at Westwood Country Club. The annual Antiques Show will be held Feb. 13 and 14 and will feature antique dolls. The club is selling cookbooks with history of Bay along with drawings of special places, small wooden houses and playing cards. Funds raised support the scholarship and civic contribution fund. For purchase call 440-892-4344 or 440-871-3075.

The League of Women Voters, Bay Village Chapter's annual fund-raising effort, selling tickets and wristbands at Bay Days, was very successful this year due to high attendance. The portion of the proceeds that the chapter collects will be used to produce a Voters' Guide to be printed in the Observer on Oct. 6 and to bring Zephyr Teachout, author of "Corruption in America," to Cleveland in November. The city has selected a vendor to equip city council chambers and the conference room with microphones. The chapter has pledged a donation to defray a large portion of the cost.

The Bay Village Foundation reported on their efforts to refurbish and add new features to mark the 20th anniversary of Play in Bay. The total amount needed is nearly \$90,000, so the Foundation hopes each family in the community will contribute in some amount, large or small. The City has been provided with funding for the first phase of the project, which will expand the playground area near the tennis courts to be completed within the first two weeks of October. Renderings and a full presentation are available upon request.

The Lake Erie Nature & Science Center reported on one of the new programs: Backyard Wonders. These programs are led by LENS expert wildlife staff and designed for adults and families with children ages 10+. Learn about relevant, seasonal topics and explore how they may affect you. Each session includes time for discussion. Upcoming topics: White-tailed Deer: Sunday, Oct. 11, 3-4 p.m.; Wild Turkey: Sunday, Nov. 22, 3-4 p.m. Tickets are \$7/person; no advance registration is required.

The Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Women's Board welcomed 4 new members and elected a new President, Karen Huhndorff. Their next meeting will be Oct. 8 at Schoepfle Garden in the Lorain Metro Parks. The Center had 132,000 visits last year and programs continue to be successful including the summer reading camps with the BVCS, STEM camp and preschools. The Center is in the third and final phase of capital improvements, which will include roof repairs, PA system, interior and exhibit improvements and geothermal heating system improvements. A hayride is set for Oct. 9 and an artist reception for wildlife chalk drawing will be on Oct. 10.

The Bay Village Garden Club will

begin meetings again in September and the club's only fundraiser, The Greening of Bay, will take place Dec. 2 and 3.

The Bay Village Kiwanis installed two U.S. flags for senior citizens in a joint project with the American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution. A social was held with speaker Coach Ron Rutt at the Bay High Pavilion for potential new members and guests. The Kiwanis donated 200 pairs of old shoes to third world countries to be repurposed into new shoes to help combat disease. The Kiwanis donated two U.S. flags to the BVPD during the Chief's visit to their meeting on Sept. 9 – one will be used in the police department lobby and another will go in the conference room. The group will donate \$525 to the Village Project to fund attendance for two individuals at a training program in Lancaster, Pa. The group will also host the boys and girls state winner from Bay High School on Sept. 15 and they will share experiences from their weeks of government participation.

The Bay Village Schools PTAs are busy again this fall! The Normandy PTA wrapped its sportswear sale on Sept. 5. PTA Membership drives are ongoing and the schools are hosting their ice cream socials again this year. Homecoming will take place Friday, Oct. 2, with the parade to commence at 5:30 p.m. Pre-game Tailgate Rocket meals will once again be available. PTA scholarship planning is underway. Oct. 23 will be the West-erly Walk to School with Dad event. The BVECPTA Homes Tour will take place Sunday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets will be \$25 in advance or \$30 the day. The date for the November "rake-out" is still to be determined, but interested parties can contact Dwyer Senior Center to be on the list of homes to be cleaned up.

The Village Project is planning their third annual Project Leaf fundraiser on Nov. 7. Watch for details!

The Bay Village American Legion Post #385 begins its fall program of Prize Bingo at the Wade Park Veterans Hospital for patients. Prizes are chips that can be used in the hospital pharmacy. The Bay High School girls representative, Annamarie McGuire, and boys representative, Eric McDonald, spoke at the August meeting and described their week learning the workings of state, county and local governments. The Post has been sponsoring this program for over 50 years. Old, torn and faded American flags will be collected between now and November for retirement using formal military procedures on Veterans Day Nov. 11. Flags for retirement can be deposited in the box at the Post front door. The Post is located at 595 Cahoon Road.

The Bay Village Historical Society will host Foster Brown, historical interpreter and naturalist with the Cleveland Metroparks, at the potluck dinner on Sept. 17, 6 p.m., at the Community House. All are welcome to attend the dinner free of charge. Guests are asked to bring a side dish for 10 to share and their own place setting. Reservations are required by phoning Doug Gertz at 440-554-6355 or Cathy Flament at 440-835-4472. Donations accepted. The Society is hosting a talk about the wreck of the

Edmund Fitzgerald on Oct. 28, 7 p.m., at the Bay Village Library. The "Downton Abbey" exhibit continues at Rose Hill Museum with a display of ladies' day wear of that period. Admission is free. Rose Hill Museum is open from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. every Sunday. Group tours are by appointment. Phone 440-871-7338. A "Downton Abbey"-themed fundraiser is being held at Lakewood Country Club on Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. The evening will include generous hors d'oeuvres, libations and musical entertainment. Phone Evelyn Allen at 440-871-6681 for tickets. The 2016 Cahoon in June antiques and fine crafts fair is slated for June 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Cahoon Memorial Park. Vendors and program advertisers are already signing up to participate. Community groups are once again invited to take part free of charge. This past June, more than 2,500 people were in attendance. Phone Cynthia Eakin at 216-213-0312.

The Village Bicycle Cooperative continues its Fix-It-Forward program, Open Shop, and Volunteer Wednesdays. Fix-It-Forward refurbishes bikes donated to VBC which in turn donates the "like new" bikes to children and adults through various social outreach organizations throughout Cleveland's West side. VBC plans to participate in the Community Christmas celebration this year. Included will be bicycle donations to community members as part of a culminating event to this year's Fix-It-Forward program.

The Friends of the Bay Village Kennel report that BVPD Chief Spaetzel has indicated their current structure is adequate and kennel will not be on or in the police facility. Friends spent 18 man hours cleaning the current structure in May and will be cleaning again in October. The group has asked the city to use part of the almost \$10,000 in donated funds to replace the heating element which is also the A/C unit, repair the door and soffit repair to help minimize wildlife. A new hot water tank and updated ceiling fan and lights have been installed and Friends plan on painting the interior and exterior in the future.

The Bay Men's Club will meet the first Thursday of the month through June at Bay Lodge. All local men are welcome and encouraged to attend. The club also welcomes men from Rocky River, Westlake and Avon Lake. Dues are \$60 per year. The club will be cleaning the yards of elderly and deserving Bay Village residents in November. If you know someone who could use some help, call Eric Eakin at 216-386-5997.

CCPL-Bay Village Branch Library has fall programs for all ages. A few highlights include: iPad 101, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. – Learn the basics of the iPad. The device will be provided for you for hands-on learning. On Oct. 21, 7 p.m., local historian Katherine Kohl presents the story of women's suffrage, in partnership with the League of Women Voters. Storytimes for kids run until the end of November. Teen Zone resumed in September and will run Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through Christmas Break. The next Friends of the Bay Village Library Book Sale will take place Oct. 24-27. ●

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Keeping up with family and friends

by TAK SATO

Are you getting tired of people asking, "Are you on Facebook?" Every time you go out? You might as well get used to it!

If you haven't embraced social networking, such as Facebook, as one of your communication mediums to stay "connected" with family and friends, you may be in the minority. In 2014, Pew Research Center said 87 percent of our adult population use the internet. Of those online adults, 89 percent of ages 18 to 29, 82 percent of ages 30 to 49, 65 percent of ages 50 to 64, and 49 percent of ages 65+ use social networking.

Whichever demographics you are in, one thing to remember is that the internet – or what I regularly call "the mother of disruptive innovation" – has a lot to offer in enriching your life in the real world. Social networking in the digital world, using services such as Facebook, is one of those benefits.

That said, I also see how technology can be confusing and even intimidating to many. The latter can have a paralyzing effect, figuratively of course, where embracing digital world tools becomes out of question; the idiom "deer in the headlights" come to mind. So today we are going to demystify Facebook.

I tell my relatives that they need to understand just three features to start enjoying Facebook: Profile, Newsfeed and Updates. As a bonus I may throw in Timeline for a slam dunk. As always, I use analogies:

Your "Profile" is like a very concise life's resume for others on Facebook to see. When your long-lost best friend from high school tries to get in touch with you 50 years later, identifying information, such as high school attended, will help your friend make sure it is you, and not someone else who happens to share your name.

You post "Updates" about anything you want to share with your friends. These updates can be text, pictures, videos and links that your friends can click that will open destination websites.

Your "Newsfeed" is all of the news about your friends. Your newsfeed shows recent updates that your friends have posted, and vice versa.

Your "Timeline" is all of the updates you have posted, collected on a single page. It is useful to your friend who just joined Facebook to catch up on what you have been doing since you joined Facebook years ago.

You read your newsfeed to stay abreast of what your Facebook friends are doing. Your "friends" can also be your grandchildren, so Facebook becomes a way for you to watch them as they grow up, even from thousands of miles away.

There are other tools available through Facebook such as video calling, where you can converse and see each other, thereby negating the need to learn other video calling tools such as Skype and FaceTime.

So what are you waiting for? The wonderful digital world awaits you to enrich your real world! ●

Great Closet Clean-Out to support Bay athletics

by ELIZABETH SHOWALTER

The Bay Rockets Association is again conducting its clothing collection drive, The Great Closet Clean-Out, Sept. 25-27. All funds raised will benefit both Bay Rocket Athletics and Easter Seals Northern Ohio. Bay

Rocket Athletics relies on fundraising to ensure that Bay Village Schools can maintain athletic teams from 7th to 12th grades. Easter Seals Northern Ohio uses these funds to serve over 15,000 people with disabilities. This clothing drive is an innovative way for these organizations to raise funds without having to sell anything.

Bay Rockets Association will be compensated based on the number of pounds of cloth collected. Acceptable items include: clothing, comforters, towels, shoes and purses. Mattresses are not being accepted. Items can be in any condition. All donations

will be resold, reused or recycled. Donations can be dropped off at Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Road, and Bay High School, 29230 Wolf Road. Volunteers will be available to assist donors during the drop-off times: Friday, Sept. 25, 3-7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Every bag donated earns a raffle ticket. Prizes include \$50 cash or gift cards to local establishments. Tax receipts and raffle tickets will be available at the trucks during the drive-up and drop-off hours. Clean out your closets and support these organizations! ●

Friends of WPPL to hold essay contest

by KATIE CIRINCIONE

Do you love Westlake Porter Public Library? Join us in celebrating National Friends of Libraries Week – enter the essay contest for all ages. The question is, “What does Westlake Porter Public Library mean to you?” The deadline is Sept. 30, and the only require-

ment is for your essay to be 500 words or less.

Winning entries will be displayed in the lobby during National Friends of Libraries Week, Oct. 18-25. The prizes are to be determined.

For more information, you can pick up an entry form in the library lobby or visit Friends at westlakelibrary.org. ●

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

Put on your tie-dye and join us at the Bay Village branch library for a groovy trip back in time to the 1960s. Desmond and Molly will reflect through song and lecture on this colorful decade that brought us The Beatles, Woodstock, hippies, and a number of major historical events. Join us on Monday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. for this fun program..

CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT

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

- **Monday, Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 5 (10 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – ages 19-35 months
- **Tuesday, Sept. 22, 29 and Oct. 6 (10 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – ages 19-35 months
- **Tuesday, Sept. 22, 29 and Oct. 6 (6:45 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – for all ages
- **Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7 (10 a.m.) BABY AND ME STORYTIME** – ages birth - 18 months
- **Thursday, Sept. 17, 24 and Oct. 1 (10 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten)
- **Friday, Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 2 (10 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** - for all ages

Wednesday, Sept. 16 (7 p.m.) STOP MOTION ANIMATION – Bring Lego characters to life and sculpt your own story using Stop Motion for iPad. With a signed parent release, we'll share your masterpieces online!

Friday, Sept. 18 (11 a.m.) WHOOO’S READY FOR KINDERGARTEN: COUNTING – Help your preschooler make the transition into their first year of school.

Explore hands-on activity stations together in this session’s theme, Counting.

Saturday, Sept. 19 (2 p.m.) ROBOTIX BLOX: BIGBOT – If you get excited for math, technology and building, then join us with your “big” person for a hands-on adventure into the world of Lego WeDo. Make your own Amazing Mechanism while building STEM skills. Registration required – only the child needs to register.

Thursday, Sept. 25 (4 p.m.) COOKIES AND BOOKS – Children in grades 3-4 are invited to join us to discuss a good book. Copies of the book will be available one month before the discussion.

Saturday, Oct. 3 (10:30 a.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME – This storytime is designed specifically for children with special needs 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.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (3 p.m.) TEEN ZONE – Students in grades 5 and up can stop in to enjoy fun apps, book discussions, video games, community service, challenges and more! Parents need to sign only one permission form for the school year.

Wednesday, Sept. 16 (3 p.m.) MINIA-TURE PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH OLIVER FRAZER – For teens grade 5 and up. Little is known about miniature art ... no pun intended. Discover interesting facts about the life and art of miniature artist Oliver Frazer then create your own miniature painting in this Painting Workshop conducted by professional artist JoAnn DePolo. Registration required.

Wednesday, Sept. 23 (3 p.m.) URBAN WATERSHED – Teens in grades 5-12: Learn about our Watershed, then help it thrive by making “throw & grow” native

seed balls. Program presented by The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Thursday, Oct. 8 (3 p.m.) PAINTING ON YOUR BACK WORKSHOP – Did Michelangelo really paint the Sistine Chapel on his back? Find the answer to this question and more as we uncover interesting facts about Michelangelo in this Artist Detectives painting workshop conducted by professional artist, JoAnn DePolo. Explore the life of Michelangelo then create a painting using the same method he used to paint the Sistine Chapel. This is your chance to paint in a way you have never painted before! Registration required.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Friday, Sept. 18 (10 a.m.) BAYARTS MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION – Join friends, neighbors and library staff as we discuss this month’s title, “We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves” by Karen Joy Fowler. Meet us on the BAYarts campus in the Sullivan Gallery. Copies of the books will be available at the library and BAYarts one month prior to the discussion.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 (10 a.m.) IPAD 101 – Learn the basics of the iPad and how to take advantage of the library’s great downloadable ebook and audio/video collection. We will provide an iPad for you to use.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 (7 p.m.) AROUND AMERICA: 50 STATES IN 40 MINUTES (OR LESS) – Join us as Eden Valley Enterprises takes us on a quick tour of the United States to discover some interesting historical tidbits and fascinating personalities from each state in this storytelling program.

Thursday, Sept. 24 (7 p.m.) BOOK CONVERSATIONS: BIG STONE GAP – Join CCPL staff as we have a large group conversation about Adriana Trigiani’s first novel, “Big Stone Gap.” In addition to delving into the characters, the setting and the writing, we will be gearing up for

the release of the film version, written and directed by Adriana! This unique program will feature the inside scoop on the writing of the book along with insight on bringing it to the big screen! Stay tuned for additional surprises.

Saturday, Sept. 26 (2 p.m.) FROM SCRIPT TO SCREEN – Writer and director, David Manocchio, known for “24 Frames Per Second” (1993), “Haywire” (2003) and “La Bruja” (2009) will present a 2-hour filmmaking program that will cover writing the script, choosing a crew, casting, production and marketing.

Monday, Sept. 28 (7 p.m.) LOVE-IN AT THE LIBRARY – Equal rights, civil rights, The British Invasion and Hippies ... these are some of the words that have been associated with the ‘60s. Through song and lecture, Desmond and Molly will reflect on the events and people who influenced the music of this pivotal decade. Wear your peace signs. Tie-dye is highly encouraged.

Wednesday, Sept. 30 (7 p.m.) THE BEST THEY COULD BE: HOW THE CLEVELAND INDIANS BECAME THE KINGS OF BASEBALL – Join us as Scott Longert shares his book on the Cleveland Indians history from 1916-1920, recapping the rise, fall and rebirth of one of America’s most beloved baseball teams. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation.

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

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30-8:45 p.m.
Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

Carla Cegielski, Association of Professional Genealogists, librarian, webmaster and information technologist, presents “Genealogical Treasures in the Internet Archives.” Program begins at 7 p.m. Social time, with refreshments is 6:30-7 p.m. The public is invited at no charge. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7-8:30 p.m.
College Club West Meeting

Information on the Club’s interest groups (including investment clubs, bowling, golf, book review, cooking and tech connect to name a few) will be presented at this organizational meeting. Membership open to women who have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited degree granting college. New members welcome. *Rocky River Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.*

Friday, Sept. 18, 7-10 p.m.
International Observe the Moon Night

We’ll join others across the world in observing and celebrating the moon. Kids of all ages will enjoy fun activities and in addition to looking at the moon with our eyes, we’ll also have our telescopes set up for viewing. Please feel free to bring binoculars, blankets or chairs. This program takes place on the beach. For all ages. Free. Registration not required. (Rain/cloud date: Sept. 19.) *Huntington Beach, Bay Village*

Saturday, Sept. 19, 4-8 p.m.
Community Spaghetti Dinner

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat dinner of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, Italian bread, beverages and homemade desserts. Tickets will be sold at the door and presale. Adults \$10; children (ages 6-12) \$5 ; children (ages 5 and under) FREE. Senior Citizen Special, \$8 from 4-5 p.m. Take-out available; call the church office at 331-9433. *Rockport United Methodist Church, 3301 Wooster Rd., Rocky River*

Monday, Sept. 21, to Friday, Sept. 25, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 26, 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.*

Wednesday, Sept. 23, noon
Fete des Fleurs Luncheon

The Westlake Garden Club’s annual fundraiser luncheon will feature lunch with Joe Crea, dining and restaurant editor of the Plain Dealer. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. to view raffle baskets and Bake Shoppe items. Tickets are \$35 advance sale only and include valet parking. Call 216-221-6365. *Westwood Country Club, 22625 Detroit Rd., Rocky River*

Thursday, Sept. 24, 6:30-8 p.m.
Teaching Responsibility for Academic Success – A Parents Role

The Westlake Council of PTAs and Elementary School Counselors are hosting a free parenting program designed to give practical skills that can be used with preschool through teenage children. This session covers ways to help your child become more responsible for their learning and be able to be better problem solvers. Parents will find out how to get their kids to do chores without hassles. Free event; no registration required. *Dover Intermediate School Band Room, 2240 Dover Center Rd., Westlake*

Thursday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
Westlake Candidate Forum

Meet the candidates running for seats on the Westlake board of education. Sponsored by Westlake/North Olmsted Chapter of League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Thursday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
Meeting for Bay Village Residents of Bruce, Russell, Douglas

The City has been working with city engineer, Bob Greytak, on an enhanced computer model of the storm sewer capabilities in the Bruce, Russell, Douglas area. This model is important in helping understand the scope of corrections that will be needed to help address the issue of clear water entering the sewer system from private property. The results of the model will be discussed. *Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane*

Saturday, Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Family Astronomy Day: Are Shooting Stars Really Stars?

A special planetarium program giving the whole family a chance to learn a thing or two about shooting stars. Everyone will enjoy circulating through crafts, activities and so much more – you’ll also have the opportunity to touch a real meteor that came all the way from outer space! For all ages. Fee: \$4/person. Registration not required. *Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village*

Saturday, Sept. 26, 4:30-6 p.m.
Free Community Meal

Please join us for fellowship, good conversation and great food! The church is accessible to the physically challenged. No carry outs. *Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted*

Monday, Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m.
Mouse Ears to a Humpback Whale

Robin Johansen, from the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, will discuss the many varieties of hosta. Lunch will be served at 11:30. Guests, please make reservations at bayvillagegardenclub.com or by calling 440-937-8125. All interested gardeners are welcome. There is a \$5 fee for guests. *Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.*

Monday, Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m.
Guided Meditation for Those Touched by Cancer

Relax, learn new coping skills, and practice mindfulness meditation techniques in a group setting. Call 216-595-9546 or visit www.touchedbycancer.org for more information. Free. *The Gathering Place, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake*

Monday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Rocky River Chamber Music Society Concert

New sculpture donated to Bay Village



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A hand-carved wooden sculpture was recently installed at the entrance to the Bay Village Family Aquatic Center in Cahoon Memorial Park. The sculpture is embellished with nautical-themed elements including a sailboat, sea birds and waves. It was donated to the city by Bay resident Nazek Brek and Sami Saleh.

A live professional chamber music concert performed by the Aeolus Quartet, the Graduate Resident String Quartet at the Juilliard School in New York City. This quartet has won numerous awards and its concerts have been called “worthy of a major-league quartet.” Free; all are welcome. For more information, visit www.rrcms.org or call 440-333-4296. *West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River*

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7-8:30 p.m.
Executive Function 101: Why It Is Important and How You Can Help Your Child

Parents will learn strategies to help their child gain better emotional control and flexibility. Christine A. Chambers, MEd, OTR/L, will help parents gain an understanding of typical executive function skills at the preschool through preteen levels. Chambers will also discuss ways to help a child with task initiation, planning, organization and time management as well as strategies to increase working memory and sustained attention to tasks. Free child care is available. Register at connectingforkids.org/register, email info@connectingforkids.org or call 440-250-5563. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Saturday, Oct. 3, 3-4 p.m.
Meet an Animal: Tarantula

Join us on the first Saturday of each month for a

fun program about one of our resident animals. Learn about the animal’s unique features, diet, habitat, survival tactics and more as you get to see one up close. For all ages. Fee: \$5/person. Registration not required. *Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village*

Sunday, Oct. 4, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Bay Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

The annual homecoming weekend pancake breakfast, sponsored by Bay Kiwanis and Bay High Key Club. The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes pancakes, syrup, link sausages, milk, juice and coffee for \$6 per person presale, and \$7 at the door. Children age 5 and under eat for free. Advance tickets available; email baykiwanis@gmail.com. *Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.*

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2:30-3:15 p.m.
Pet Blessing

Chaplain Jon Paulus will preside over a brief ceremony in the chapel to honor Saint Francis, patron saint for the protection of animals and lover of all creation. The event is open to the community. All “well behaved” animals on leashes or in carriers, are welcome! If your pet does not travel well, a photo will suffice. For more information, call 440-847-1031. *Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve, 2116 Dover Center Rd., Westlake*

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