

## Community theater returns to Bay Village this month

by PATRICK MEEHAN

The Bay Village Community Theater was awarded a \$1,000 grant for our inaugural play in 2017 from The Bay Village Foundation. Steve Ruscher, the foundation's grant committee chairman, presented the award to our President John Hnat at the Memorial Day ceremony.

We are excited to announce a new series starting on June 12, titled "All the World's A Stage[d] Reading."

A series of one-act plays will be read at Mojo's Coffee & More the second Sunday of each month starting in June and continuing through December. The free performances will take place at the coffee shop at 600 Dover Center Road, Bay Village. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., giving patrons an opportunity to purchase coffee or other treats before the 6 p.m. performance.

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## Tribute to Civil War veterans restored on Lake Road



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Members of the 29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry stand in front of a Grand Army of the Republic Highway sign at the western Lake Road entrance to Bay Village. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hosted a ceremonial unveiling of the sign on May 21.

by DAN HIRSCHFELD

In April 1934, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War began promoting the idea of designating U.S. Route 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway to honor Union forces that served during the war

between the states. This notion was originally spurred by U.S. Army Major William L. Anderson as a means of honoring Civil War-era Union fighting personnel.

The Grand Army of the Republic was, in its time, a very influential veterans group formed by members

of Union forces who had served in the Civil War after the end of the conflict. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a successor to that group, consisting of those who can directly trace a blood relative as one who had served in the Union forces.

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## Library director moonlights as rock reveler



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Andrew Mangels sings a Johnny Cash song as lead guitarist for the Screaming Armadillos.

by DENNY WENDELL

We all have day jobs, usually in a profession for which we were educated or trained. But most of us also have second lives, doing things we really enjoy and have a passion for. Such is the case for members of a local band, all of whom hail from Westlake, that rock out on the weekends around town. These Westlakers have careers as diverse as teacher, business executive and library director.

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## Westlake community garden begins third year

by REGINA MCCARTHY

With the support and cooperation of Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, former president of UH St. John Medical Center William Young and his successor, Robert David, the Westlake Community Garden is marking its third year. It started with only 10 plots, grew to 26 in its second year, and this year opens with 48 plots.

Located south of the Siedman Cancer Center on the UH SJMC campus, it is an all-organic vegetable garden with

plots available to Westlake residents for a \$25 annual fee. In keeping with its mission statement, gardeners donate their extra crops to the Westlake Community Center.

The garden's expansion this year was helped by Matt Castele, a Boy Scout from Troop 401 who made the garden the focus of his Eagle project. He met with Westlake city officials and the Greater Cleveland Boy Scouts Council, as well as his troop leaders, to define the scope of his project.

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## Bay school guard retires after 34 years of service

by BVPD CHIEF MARK SPAETZEL

School crossing guard Rose Quarick has retired after serving the city of Bay Village for nearly 35 years.

Rose was hired Sept. 14, 1981. When she was asked what she will remember from her many years of service, her reply was simple: "The kids." Rose is one of the unsung heroes of our community whose work is vitally important in keeping our children safe. Rose has seen two generations of kids at her

school crossing posts. Her smile will be missed by the many children she assisted every school year.

Parents recognized Rose on her last day by decorating her school guard post located at Cahoon and West Oviatt roads. Residents and parents alike stopped to say goodbye, many taking pictures with Rose. Many others beeped and waved in admiration of her dedicated years of service to the students of Bay Village.

In addition, the Bay Village Police Department recognized Rose last month with a celebration cake during the annual school guard meeting. The City of Bay Village, the Bay Schools and the parents and children of Bay Village congratulate Rose for her many years of service and wish her a joyful retirement.



PHOTO BY MARK SPAETZEL

Rose Quarick retired at the end of the school year after more than three decades as a Bay Village crossing guard.



## GARDEN

from front page

He installed 12 new garden bed frames (constructed by the Westlake Service Department) and directed gardeners to lay down a cardboard base for weed prevention, followed by mulch.

On May 25, plot owners gathered to prepare their beds for planting. Wheel barrels were flying! The soil was tilled and amended in advance with products donated by Good Nature Organic Lawn Care. Gardeners worked in Sweet Peet donated by J. Barker Landscaping and compost donated by the City.

Then Matt and his Scout troop placed the City's mulch around the entire garden to keep down weeds. Later that week, the temporary deer fence, donated by UH SJMC, and the rain barrels donated by Rain Barrels N' More, were installed. Soon the chicken wire, donated by the Westlake



Gardeners and volunteer helpers kick off the growing season at the Westlake Community Garden on May 25.

Garden Club, will be added to keep out the critters.

The final part to Matt's Eagle project will be to build and install a second gate for access to the garden.

The thanks and appreciation of the Garden Committee and the plot owners goes to the hard-working Boy Scout Troop 401. A huge thank you goes out to Chris Stuhm,

Westlake's deputy director of public service, who again arranged for the wood donation from Lowe's Rocky River, to his staff for constructing all the beds, delivering the supplies, keeping the water barrels filled and so much more. This garden is indeed a community effort!

The next Observer article will cover the upcoming Bless-

ing of the Garden, the hand-made second garden gate, and will touch upon the future.

Two plots are currently available for new gardeners. If interested, contact Madeline Crandall, garden coordinator, at the Community Center, 440-899-3544. Donations from merchants or others are always welcome and much appreciated. ●

## THEATER

from front page

On Sunday, June 12, see George Bernard Shaw's one-act, "Overruled," directed by John Hnat, featuring Huntington Playhouse alumni

Dave Hopkins, Margaret Hnat, Jenny Erbs and Neil Donnelly.

Auditions for "Trifles," the second installment of the series, will be held Monday, June 13, 7-9 p.m. at Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Road. Roles are

available for two women and three men, ages 25 and older. Memorization not required. Lisa Ortenzi, Great Lakes Theater's Director of Educational Programming, will direct.

For more information, stop by our booth at

Cahoon in June on June 18 and at Bay Days June 30 through July 4 in Cahoon Memorial Park. Our next regular member meeting is Wednesday, June 29, 7 p.m., at Bay Library. For the latest updates check out our website, baytheater.org. ●

## KeyBank workers help at museum

by ERIC EAKIN

Nearly 6,000 KeyBank employees across the country gave back to their local communities recently for Key's annual "Neighbors Make The Difference Day," including these four hard-working folks who helped clean and mulch the flower beds around Bay Village's Rose Hill Museum and the Reuben Osborn Learning Center. "These volunteers gave us a lot of sweat equity that afternoon, and we, and anyone who drives by these two facilities, really appreciates it," said Bay Village Historical Society President Cathy Flament. The Key workers were, left to right, Jean Smith, Michelle Keller, William Spence and Bay Village resident Katy Kircher. ●



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## ROUTE 6 *from front page*

As they are actually responsible for the roadway, each state that U.S. Route 6 runs through had to individually approve the additional naming of the highway. Beginning with Massachusetts in 1937, each state traversed by U.S. Route 6 eventually cleared the way for the honorary naming, and a formal dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway took place on May 3, 1953, in Long

Beach, California.

U.S. Route 6 was originally laid out in 1927 and at that time only extended from Provincetown, Massachusetts, to Erie, Pennsylvania. In June 1931 approval was given to extend U.S. Route 6 out to Greeley, Colorado, in the process assigning it to run along Lake Road in Bay Village. In 1937 U.S. Route 6 was once again extended, this time all the way out to Long Beach, California, making it a

coast-to-coast highway as well as the longest federal route in the country at 3,652 miles.

Unfortunately, in 1963 the State of California determined, in order to comply with their road regulations, the configuration of U.S. Route 6 had to be modified in a manner that made the highway end in the town of Bishop, reducing its overall mileage to 3,227 and relegating it to the second-longest federal highway in the country (as well as eliminating it as a

true coast-to-coast highway).

If U.S. Route 6 was demoted to second-longest federal highway which route, then, took over the top spot? All one has to do is travel south to Westlake to find it.

Following Center Ridge Road in Westlake, U.S. Route 20 has the distinction of being the longest federal highway in the country, covering 3,365 miles.

U.S. Route 20 was laid out in 1925 and originally intended to extend from Boston, Mas-

sachusetts, to Astoria, Oregon, which would have made it a coast-to-coast highway.

Early on, a number of factors contributed to the highway extending west only to the eastern entrance of Yellowstone National Park, rather than all the way to the west coast, at the time covering only 2,542 miles.

In 1940 approval was given to extend U.S. Route 20 to Albany, Oregon and sometime after that to finally run it all the

way to the Pacific coast, terminating at Newport, Oregon, and providing its current longest road mileage.

Having resided in both municipalities I'm aware of the cities of Bay Village and Westlake tending to share in friendly rivalries. Until researching this story I had no idea that extended to either city, at one time or another, being able to claim having the country's longest highway run through its corporate limits, however. ●



PHOTO BY DAN HIRSCHFELD

A U.S. Route 6 shield in Sheffield Lake with designators below advising of the road's being a Lake Erie Coastal Trail as well as part of the Lake Erie Circle Tour.



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

A round of "Hip, hip, hooray!" is shouted after the unveiling of a new Grand Army of the Republic Highway sign on Lake Road in Bay Village and the presentation of a plaque to Mayor Debbie Sutherland. Adding historical flavor to the event were representatives in period dress from the 29th OVI and National Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are working to install signs in every city along U.S. Route 6 in Ohio.

## Dover UCC to host Brahms performance

by JOHN RINEHART

The Forest Park String Quartet will perform Johannes Brahms' monumental "Piano Quintet in F Minor" featuring guest pianist Coren Mino on Sunday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at Dover Congregational UCC, 2239 Dover Center Road

in Westlake.

Brahms completed the "Piano Quintet in F Minor" during the summer of 1864 and published it in 1865. It was dedicated to Her Royal Highness Princess Anna of Hesse. It is written for piano and string quartet (two violins, viola and cello). Pianist Coren Mino will

join the quartet for this performance. Mino holds a degree in piano performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music where she studied with the late Eunice Podis. Before that her teacher was her father, retired concert pianist Morton Estrin.

The concert will benefit Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC), a non-partisan interfaith coalition of faith communities (Jewish, Christian and Muslim) in Cuyahoga County working together for social justice, improved educational

opportunities, and expanding health care in Cuyahoga County. Dover Congregational UCC has been an active member of GCC for four years. A free-will offering (cash, checks or credit card) will be accepted to continue the work of GCC. No reservations for the concert are required.

The Forest Park String Quartet was formed in 2014 from members of the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra and has performed in several venues in the Greater Cleveland area. Members of the quartet

are Evan Kleve, violin; Kelsey Fischer, violin; Anna Risch, viola; and John Kukula, cello. The concert will open with the world premiere of a composition by Cleveland's own Buck McDaniel, composer, vocalist and organist.

The concert will be preceded by a lasagna dinner at 5:30 in Dover's Thomas Hall. Reservations for the dinner are required and can be made by calling the church office before June 8. Telephone 440-871-1050. A free-will offering will be taken for the dinner. ●



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# What are bitcoins?

by TAK SATO

As of this writing, 1 U.S. dollar gives us 1.31 Canadian dollars or 108.91 Japanese yen; these are examples of currencies in the real world. With technology permeating into every nook and cranny of our lives, it was no surprise when seven years ago the digital world gave birth to its own currency called “cryptocurrency.”

Cryptocurrency may sound intimidating and can easily be perceived as more techno jargon, yet you’ve probably heard references to “bitcoin” in popular media; it is the most well-known digital currency. Today 1 bitcoin gives us 537.86 U.S. dollars.

Contrary to a dollar bill that you can hold, bitcoins can’t be held or stuffed into your purse/wallet as they solely exist in the digital world. You keep your bitcoins in a digital wallet, akin to keeping your emails in your inbox, but with stronger security measures employed in most cases. Security strength varies depending on where and who supplies the digital wallet.

Making you a bitcoin expert is not what this article is about because extensive understanding of the underlying technologies such as cryptography and financial world wizardry of decentralized financial/banking system theories are required.

Rather, the goal is just to demystify cryptocurrency so you know what it is. Bitcoin, for example, continues to be adopted by retailers and financial institutions as an alternative payment method. Local news outlets recently

lit up with reports of the first bitcoin ATM’s arrival in Akron!

As with many emerging technology-based products, regulation was behind the curve for cryptocurrencies. Here in the U.S., five years after the arrival of cryptocurrency in 2009, our Internal Revenue Services ruled that they are treating bitcoins as “property” for tax purposes. I’m no financial whiz but I believe the bitcoins in your digital wallet are treated like your stock portfolio and subject to capital gains tax because the value of the cryptocurrency you hold fluctuates.

Even though most digital-based tools provide benefits, there also are nefarious entities taking advantage of the same tools. Privacy and anonymity provided for the individual transacting with cryptocurrency is used by purveyors of “ransomware,” for example, to cover their tracks.

So how do you get started with bitcoins? First, you need a digital wallet on your computer, smartphone, tablet or in the cloud (aka the internet). Then you use a credit card or bank account to purchase bitcoins from online exchanges.

Attaching a bank account to your digital wallet will enable you to cash out the bitcoins for dollars and transfer them to your bank account.

The other method of obtaining bitcoins is when you provide a verification service for a cryptocurrency transaction in this decentralized recordkeeping system.

This second method is a cottage industry in itself and requires a much more detailed explanation than this article can provide.

The bottom line is that this online currency exchange is yet another conduit between the digital world and the real world – how neat is that! ●

SPORTING VIEWS

# It takes real gall - and then some - to ignore Tribe, Cavs

by JEFF BING

So there I was: Minding my own business, working for the man, coming home each evening to a beautiful woman (don’t tell my wife) and settling down to watch the Indians and/or Cavs for a while before repeating the whole process the next morning.

The day was Monday, May 16, and my wife was out of town visiting our daughter who had given birth to her third boy two days earlier. I started having some serious stomach issues (at first I thought it may have been from the coffee at work, as it had been known to pack a pretty good punch on occasion).

By early afternoon, I knew it wasn’t the coffee, and ended up having to leave work early because I felt a fever coming on. I have a couple of nurse sisters-in-law who I called upon for medical advice (you can’t beat the price), and we discussed several possibilities: flu, a touch of food poisoning, etc. Nothing seemed to improve my fortunes so, long story short, I ended up seeing a doctor on Wednesday, May 18. What made all of this doubly painful was the fact that the Indians scored 28 runs between victories over the Reds Monday and Tuesday nights, and I was in no shape to enjoy it.

What I enjoyed even less was having a CT scan Wednesday morning after seeing the doctor, because various tests indicated I had some “issues,” as it were. As it turns out, I had gallstones, kidney stones, and something funky going on with my liver, but I was advised to get to the emergency room ASAP because my gallbladder was especially unhappy.

Early Thursday, I had my gallbladder removed. (Later, after surgery, my surgeon told me my gallbladder was very “angry” and it was good they got it when they did.) Fortunately, I had plenty of support from a big, loving family who, strange as it may seem, all have a good sense of humor too.

I remember waking up in the recovery room and, for a brief period, having no idea why I was there. It was very quiet – too quiet, as they say – and I remember trying to get up on my elbows to make sure I wasn’t wearing a toe tag. Fortunately, I didn’t see a see a toe tag, but then again, I didn’t see any toes either. Quickly, I searched my memory trying to recall if I’d been swimming in the ocean recently. Fortunately, a nurse came over to me and told me what procedure I’d had done, so the Jaws theme faded pretty fast.

I ended up missing two weeks of work, returning after Memorial Day, and everything is pretty much back to normal. I’m back to the “regular” living and dying with the Tribe and Cavs. Ironically, there is also a Browns connection here.

I won’t mention the name of the medical insurance provider I had for this experience, but let’s just say their initials are M.M. and leave it at that. I received a letter from them a few days ago and they informed me they weren’t going to cover anything I had done since it all could have been done as an outpatient. This will undoubtedly prove interesting.

Folks, I believe I have stumbled upon the “Cleveland Browns” equivalent of the medical insurance industry. Yep ... total ineptitude. ●

FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

# Six-Pack Abs

by RJ JOHNSON

“Mrs. R. and I decided we’re having a competition to see who can lose the most weight over the next nine weeks,” announced my wife.

“I don’t think you need to lose weight,” I said.

“The husbands are included in this too,” she said.

“I don’t need to lose weight either,” I said, trying to hold my stomach in a little.

“Why are you standing like that?” she asked. She shook her head and then continued, “We’re doing this. We can get a free weekend of childcare out of this.”

Neither of us is very overweight, but to be honest, I could stand to lose a few pounds just above my belt. I’m not in the range that the chart on the wall at the gym says is “ideal.” I didn’t want to be honest. “Stupid chart,” I thought.

After a few days, I resigned myself to the competition. Over the past couple of months, an ad in my browser keeps popping up, advertising a program designed to help middle-aged men get six-pack abs. I think my browser is psychic. How did it know I was going to be locked into this competition?

“That would be cool. I’ve never had six-pack abs,” I thought when the ad popped up that evening.

I clicked the ad. Up popped a video. A man who claimed to be in his 50s appeared on the screen. It looked like someone had glued the head of a 50-something-year-old on the body of a 30-something fitness model.

“Do you have a little extra weight around your middle?” he asked.

“Yes,” I thought.

“Have you tried to lose your belly fat, but no matter how long you spend on those machines, you just can’t get rid of it?” He was talking to me.

“Yes.”

“If you’re like most middle-aged men, you’ve noticed that it’s impossible to lose that belly. Am I right?”

“You are correct, sir.”

“Don’t worry. It’s not your fault. Most of what you’ve been told about how to exercise and eat works fine for younger guys, but not for guys like you and me.”

“That’s a relief. I thought it was my fault,” I thought. “Now can we get to the part where you tell me how to get my six-pack abs?”

“In a few minutes, I’m going to tell you how you can have a body like mine. But first, let me tell you about my journey.”

I wasn’t interested in his journey, but I could wait a few minutes to hear the secret.

After 30 minutes of his journey and the latest studies, he came to the end by describing his program in general terms. If I wanted the full details, he needed credit card information.

“That’s why it’s an ad,” I muttered. “I am so, so gullible.”

I did not enter my credit card information. I’ve warned the boy about the tricks advertisers play, and explained that no one gets something for nothing. I guess I forgot that for 30 minutes, 30 minutes that I could have been at the gym. ●

# Herb Guild welcomes conservation specialist to June meeting

by BARB ARMSTRONG

The June meeting of the Herb Guild Garden Club will take place on Wednesday, June 8, at Westlake Porter Public Library. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Judy Semroc, a conser-

vation specialist for The Cleveland Museum of Natural History. She will talk about how gardeners can improve their nature photography.

Her talk will begin at 12:30 p.m. New members and guests are always welcome.

Tickets for the Scholarship Luncheon, which will be held on Aug. 3, are on sale now. The cost of the luncheon is \$35 and includes a full-course lunch, guest speaker, culinary tasting table, basket raffle, silent auction and bake sale. This is a fun event not to be missed. Call Kathie Conrad at 215-872-9725 to purchase tickets.

For further information on the upcoming meeting or luncheon, call 440-582-0191 or visit our website theherbguild.org. You can also find us on Facebook under The Herb Guild. ●



SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE HISTORY

# Two of Bay High’s finest: Bob Berger and Ralph Talas

by KAY LAUGHLIN

During the Memorial Day ceremonies, we gather near the gazebo and Rose Garden in Cahoon Memorial Park to honor our Bay boys who lost their lives while serving our country in the armed forces. In the Rose Garden is a monument with names of the fallen engraved on it. Two of these names belong to Bob Berger and Ralph Talas, who lost their lives in World War II.

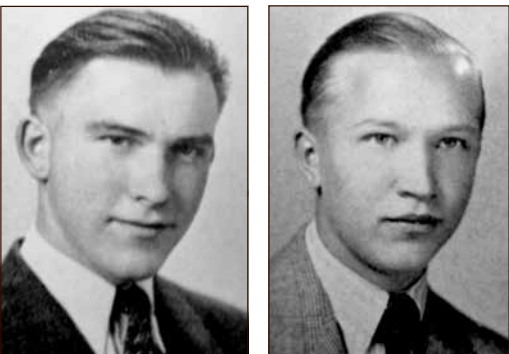
Bob Berger was liked by all. He was a track star and an “A” student at Bay High. His parents, Walter and Martha, were active in the village and friendly to all.

Bob had a sister, Ruth. They lived at 28705 Osborn Road in 1939. Bob joined the United States Air Force after graduation in 1943. He was a Staff Sergeant with the 330th Bomber Squadron, 93rd Bomber Group, Heavy, and stationed in England. During an air mission on Feb. 25, 1945, Bob volunteered to ride with another crew who was missing a member. During this mission over enemy territory, the plane was hit and the crew bailed out. However, one of the members was injured and not able to help himself. Bob volunteered to take the wounded man with him. He was killed while sharing his parachute with the injured buddy.

Bob is buried at Epinal American Cemetery in Dinozé, France, in Plot B, Row 7, Grave 47. He received the Air Medal and Purple Heart.

Ralph Talas spent his young years in Avon Lake living on Woodstock Avenue. My grandfather owned a summer cottage on Woodstock and the Talas family were his next-door neighbors. My cousin, Dick Walker, and Ralph were good friends and played together. Somewhere along the way, the Talas family moved to Bay Village and Ralph graduated from Bay High School in 1939. The Talas family, Vaine and Suri Assar, and sister, Edna Ruth, lived at 484 Kenilworth Road.

Ralph joined the U.S. Army Air Force, 513rd Bomber Squadron, 376th Bomber Group, Heavy. He was either the bombardier or the engineer, my sister, Barb, tells me. His plane exploded over the Ploesti Oil Fields in Italy on Oct. 5, 1943. He is buried in the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy, Plot I, Row 7, Grave 30. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart. ●



Bay High graduation pictures of Bob Berger, left, and Ralph Talas.

The following excerpts are taken from a letter to the Berger family from Lt. Helweg, Bob’s pilot. (First published in 1945 by Kay Messenger in a village newspaper.)

“Dear Mr. and Mrs. Berger:

This is one of the things I just hate to do of anything in the world. Bob, your son, was killed in action. At this time there is little one can say, to ease your sorrow. We all share it with you because Bob was one of the best liked members of my crew. I think I knew Bob a little better than most of the fellas because he often talked to me about his ambitions and aims in life. He was one of the finest men I have ever or will meet. Of the actual incident, I can tell you little because of censorship, but I can tell you he died performing his duty. He was not flying with our crew that day, however, for the first time. ... I will send you all information possible as I think you would rather know. I’m sorry censorship restricts me to so few facts. ... He and I were taking piano lessons together you know, and I’ll never play but what I won’t think of him. There is nothing I can say but I know Bob was like a brother to me and I in a small way know how you feel. The only consolation I can find is that while on missions we all use “G” channel quite often. If anybody can say that a clean man will always be unafraid, Bob will be unafraid. He lived a clean life with clean thoughts and even though we aren’t maybe doing the right thing, Bob and I often talked and figured that even if we’re wrong our kids won’t have to make that decision and so we were doing what we believed. It’s hard to explain but I think the Lord does things for the best even though its hard to think Bob is in a better world reserved for those who live in the interest of his fellow man like Bob did. Please accept the crew’s and my deepest sympathy in this seemingly dark hour.

Respectfully yours, Lt. Ted Helweg”

# June 14 and a flag in all its glory

by KATHY LUENGO

June 14 is Flag Day ... a day to display “Old Glory,” “The Stars and Stripes,” or “The Star Spangled Banner,” as our colorful national symbol is alternately known.

Regardless of agreements and disagreements, likes and dislikes, and so much “noise” surrounding us down below, our nation’s flag flies proudly above, representing the struggles, sacrifices and accomplishments that formed a mighty nation. It reminds us of the greater whole of which we are all a part.

Flag gazing should also remind us that our freedom and rights should be preserved and never, ever, taken for granted.

Flag Day dates back 239 years to when the Second Continental Congress adopted the red-white-and-blue standard on June 14, 1777. If not recalling the year, many of us should envision the early flag with a circle of 13 white stars on a field of blue and 13 rows of alternating red and white stripes.

We’ve picked up 37 stars for each additional state since then; many residents of Westlake and Bay Village were around when the final two stars were added in 1959. (Alaska became a state on Jan. 3 and Hawaii on Aug. 21.) Accordingly, school-aged children recited the Pledge of Allegiance to 48, 49 and 50-star flags in close succession! 1959 must have been a *banner* year for flag makers!

June 14 also happens to be the Army’s birthday. The Second Continen-

tal Congress established the American Continental Army two years earlier: June 14, 1775. Happy 241st!

Area residents who “love a parade” and might enjoy filling the gap between local Memorial Day and Independence Day commemorations, take note: Appleton, Wisconsin, boasts the nation’s oldest Flag Day parade. Saturday, June 11, 2016, marks its 66th consecutive event. (If you’re reading the WBVO early enough, you can still make it. Otherwise, “there’s always next year!”)

Appleton is roughly an eight-hour drive via the land route through Chicago. However, with a few more hours to spare, there’s a “land/sea” or, more accurately, “land/lake” route worth considering. The S.S. Badger offers car and passenger ferry service between Ludington, Michigan, and Manitowoc, Wisconsin, (about an hour away from Appleton). Having the chance to relax aboard the ferry, catch lake breezes and avoid Chicago traffic is a nice option.

Who knows? Less time spent on the road might reduce your chance of getting *flagged* for speeding. Similarly, you might avoid having to *flag somebody down*, in case your car gets a flat, blows a gasket, or runs out of gas. And even if you cringe when your children (or grandchildren) express themselves by sporting *freak flags*, as long as they’ve worked hard and didn’t *flag* any of their classes, why not treat them to a wholesome family excursion?

Consider that while in Appleton you could enjoy consuming renowned Wisconsin cheese until *waving the white flag* after downing too much creamy comfort food. (Just be mindful that taking in too much cholesterol may *raise a red flag* at your next physical exam!)

Wherever or however you mark June 14, remember to pay tribute to the Grand Old Flag! ●

# Farewell, Betsy

by EILEEN VERNON

Sometimes we don’t know what to say. Words, even if the right ones miraculously present themselves, are not enough. I’m trying in my inept way to tell you that I am sad. My friend, Betsy Martin, is gone. The whole village misses her. She was so much a part of Bay Village as are the oak trees and the flowering pears.

I met Betsy two decades ago while her husband, Dick, was busy building the Bay Village Foundation and I was a trustee. She was generous with her time and shared many ideas.

When we lost Dick a few years ago, Betsy and I met to discuss what she felt Dick would have wanted us to do. Betsy told me that next to his family, he loved

Bay Village and the University of Wisconsin. She said he wanted the way of life in Bay to continue long after they were gone. Dick, the founder of the Bay Village Foundation, wanted the capital to grow, so that all the wonderful volunteer projects that make Bay a special place to live had financial support from his Foundation.

We were gathered under the tent for the annual Bay Village Foundation program this Memorial Day when I looked for Betsy. She usually sat with me in the front because, as part of the program, Betsy presented Dick’s (T. Richard Martin) scholarship that she funded in honor of her late husband. But she



Betsy Martin

wasn’t there this time. We learned of Betsy’s passing that same evening from lifelong friends of hers, Gary and Pam Ebert.

There will be a service for Betsy on Friday, July 22, 1 p.m. at Bay Presbyterian Church. Memorial donations may be made in her name to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

She will be sadly missed by everyone in the village. The legacy of the Martins will live on through the Bay Village Foundation, their everlasting gift to the city they loved. ●

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# School is out, family time is in! Genealogy is for kids of all ages

by JAYNE BROESTL

Now that summer is here and the weather is nice, spending time outdoors is relished. But what if it is raining? How can you find something for your kids or grandkids to do indoors, that they will find interesting and meaningful?

Look no further. Sharing family stories and tracing your lineage can be just as fun for your kids and grandkids as it is for you. If you have been meaning to draw your family into your research and do not know how to do that, Betty Franklin of the Westlake LDS Family History Center will be presenting "Helping Young People Make Their Family History Come Alive!" on Wednesday, June 15, at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road.

Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society is hosting this unique multi-generational program and is inviting the public to attend. A retired teacher, Betty combines her teaching skills with her love and knowledge of researching family lineage and stories. So,



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The author found this circa 1918 photo of her great-great-grandmother Lavina Katrina Field Putnam Smead with grandchildren: baby Franklin (Jim), Alice and Clifton Putnam.

bring your kids and grandkids! If they are unable to attend, come anyway to learn how to get those younger members of your family excited about their heritage.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Porter Room. Social time, with refreshments is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. There is no charge for this event. For additional information visit rootweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

# Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Women's Board members honored

by KAREN HUHNDRORFF

The Women's Board of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center enjoyed their annual spring luncheon at Cleveland Yacht Club on June 1, a perfect spring day for reminiscing with friends!

During social time, members and guests browsed through albums of pictures and news articles from past WB and Center events.

Two WB members, Mady Deter and Ellie Kirchner were honored for their 50-year membership with the Women's Board and the Center.

Within their many years, each served as the group's president, committee chair, or committee member and enthusiastically supported the many fundraisers held by the Women's Board to benefit LENS. They gave of their leadership, time, energy, ideas and guidance.

If you remember many of our WB fundraisers such as Barefoot thru the Park, Spring Thing Plants/Crafts sale, Nearly New Sale, Pansy Sales, the former Owl's Nest Gift Shop within the Center, Christmas Carousels, House & Garden

Tour and Huntington Playhouse Theater events, you may have seen either Mady or Ellie on one of the committees.

Catherine Timko, executive director of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, also commended Mady and Ellie for their 50-year Women's Board membership and continued support of the Center. She presented each with a favorite poem of Alberta Fleming, the Center's founder.

Congratulations to both Mady Deter and Ellie Kirchner!

The Women's Board places high value on regard for nature, the fellowship and diversity of membership, dedication and enthusiasm for hard work, and a willingness to grow and learn as individuals and as a volunteer organization. ●



Pictured, from left, are: Catherine Timko, executive director of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center; honorees Ellie Kirchner and Mady Deter; and Karen Huhndorff, WB president.

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# 10 Great Tips for Weight Loss

By Marren Croley, Manager, My Personal Trainer Westlake

On the face of it, losing weight can seem both easy and daunting. Easy because we all know that, in principle, if we eat less and move more we'll lose weight; daunting because it requires sustained motivation and the ability to resist crash dieting.

By the same token, losing five pounds in time for bikini season isn't the same as losing 100 pounds for your health.

**1. Set a specific goal.** Decide on your healthy weight and how much you need to lose to reach it. Overall and in the long run, you shouldn't lose more than two pounds per week, although the weight might drop off way faster at first.

Here is a formula for figuring out your timeframe, based on empirical evidence from my clients: Divide the number of pounds you need to lose by two. This will give you the number of weeks you'll need to shed the weight.

If you've followed many diets before (more than eight), add 25 percent to this number. So, if your result was 20 weeks, you need to add five more weeks to reach your goal. If you have more than 100 pounds to lose, you need to add another 50 percent to that total because you will need to give your body time to adjust to new weight levels along the way, stabilize and then restart losing weight.

**2. Be patient.** You need to accept that if it took you years to pack on the pounds, it will be unrealistic to expect to lose it all in two months. Don't just think it: Write down your goal and time frame and share it on your social networks. It will strengthen your resolve to take the time you need, not the time your social agenda might dictate.

**3. Get support.** Don't put this off. Don't wait. Support for long-term, massive weight loss is key. It can be your neighbor, your significant other, your coach, a parent, a good friend or simply a like-minded person who has the same goal and shares the same values.

**4. Plan ahead.** Create menus up to four weeks in advance with healthy fast-food backup plans. Share those menus with your supporters. Carve out time to cook in advance and freeze

or preserve healthy meals for the coming weeks so you'll never be caught short without a healthy option at home.

**5. Share your results** on social media. You can even create a specific account for this. You will be surprised by how much support you receive. Tweet your results, successes and failures.

**6. Challenge yourself.** After three or four weeks, the dieting honeymoon usually ends, so give yourself a challenge to meet each week, for example: ●A week without bread ●A gluten-free, dairy-free week ●A meat-free week ●A vegan week ●A smoothie and one buckwheat crepe every morning for breakfast for one week. Create your own challenges. Stimulating your creativity and constantly keeping yourself focused on new ways to lose weight will keep you at the top of your game.

**7. Don't slack off.** Being active might not have been your cup of tea before you started on this journey, so you may have started in overactive mode – like long daily workouts at your new gym – but now you're not feeling the same incentive to go every day, even if the results are coming. To break this pattern, shake things up: Try one new group class each week and invite your supporters to join you, or change where and when you work out.

**8. Go shopping.** Buy a new gym outfit – one size down. Keep it somewhere you see it every day so your mind will get used to this new possible size for you and it will motivate you to kick yourself in the butt and keep going.

**9. Don't use food as a reward.** I know you know this one, but let's reinforce it: Never ever reward yourself with food unless YOU cook it. Food is a pleasure that you should not deny yourself, but the method to success is to prepare it yourself from scratch.

**10. Make yourself accountable.** Be accountable, publicly and personally: Write a weight loss blog, share it with your coach and your friends. Wake up and fall asleep repeating your mantra, "Yes, I will make it happen this time." In the end, it is the accumulation of all those little steps, daily battles, weekly successes and sometimes small setbacks that will help you reach your goal.



## ARMADILLOS

from front page

I stopped by Felix & Oscar's Pub recently to check out this local band, The Screaming Armadillos (more about that name later), and to hear what their playlist included.

Expectations weren't that high because these musicians are only weekenders and because we all have friends – of varying talents – that are in a band. But to my surprise, they were very talented instrumentalists with tight vocal harmonies and played a wide-ranging repertoire of songs by artists including REM, Queen, the Rolling Stones and Johnny Cash.

This is a family-friendly group as evidenced by the many kids in the audience, so lots of local friends and family come out to hear them play. But they do know how to play their tunes, and there is nothing like good, solid-rocking music.

Readers of the Observer may be most familiar with band member Andrew Mangels. As the director of Westlake Porter Public Library, he is often in the public eye promoting the library and serving as president of Connecting for Kids and member of the of the West Shore Chamber of Commerce education committee. Andrew plays lead guitar, a tad bit of bass and lends some vocals.

Brent Henry is the lead singer, rhythm guitarist and dynamic harmonic player. Brent is an elementary school special-education teacher in Lakewood. He also runs a rock 'n' roll



PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

The Screaming Armadillos performing at Felix & Oscar's, from left: Dev Riley on bass, Dave Miller on drums, Brent Henry on lead vocals and Andrew Mangels on lead guitar.

club for future rock stars at his school.

Dev Riley plays bass and guitar and provides backing vocals. Dev is the president of OMG Borchers, a global chemicals company with an office in Westlake.

Dave Miller beats the drums and sings backup in the band. He works for Progressive Insurance.

Original members Richard Hong on drums and Rob Arndt on bass still sit in with the band from time to time.

As for the origin of the band's name, here is an explanation from Andrew Mangels: "Way back in 1990 after driving straight through from Kansas City to New Orleans, a very tired driver inadvertently ran over an armadillo that was trying to cross the road. Instead of

hunkering down and surviving, the creature jumped up into the air, let out a scream and then went straight to the great hereafter. It was most certainly not an intentional act and ever since, the band name Screaming Armadillos has served as an homage to the slain animal and hopefully a cautionary tale to other armadillos crossing the road."

The Armadillos have been together for six years and play three or four times per year. Their next show will be Friday, July 1, 8:30 p.m., at Time Warp Bar in Westlake. ●



Brent Henry belts out vocals during a recent performance.



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### Friday, July 1 THE GEEZECATS

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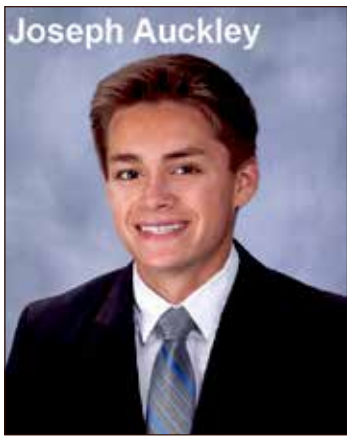


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# New Bay High video studio lets students build production skills, showcase creativity

By KAREN DERBY

The countdown begins, “10, 9, 8 ...” A globe spins behind a launching rocket (a Bay Rocket, of course). The new Bay High School news and announcement video program, “Ground Control,” begins with impeccably dressed student co-anchors delivering school news, even lunch menus, in a way that is entertaining, interesting and fun.

The program is the result of a new video production studio at the school, funded by the Bay Village Education Foundation (BVEF). Creation of the studio also drove the adoption of a new course offering, “Video Production.”

“The days we tape the news are by far my favorite days of school, even if I’m not the anchor that day,” said senior Jake Waffan. “I might be the switcher, or the camera operator, or the lighting person. We have boom mikes, we have the lavalier mikes, we have all kinds of different sound lines. Everything we put on is in full HD [high definition]. It’s really a great production.”

This was something that had been missing at Bay High, and it was a perfectly-timed project for the BVEF when it looked for a significant funding proposal to celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2015. The cost of video production technology has dropped in recent years, and the generous BVEF gift of \$35,000 was more than enough to put a professional video production studio together. In addition, broadcast over the internet is becoming as common as cable and satellite transmission. The Bay High studio streams its programs online so students and members of the public can view them on their TVs, computers, tablets and smartphones.



Students in Bay High’s new Video Production Studio, left-to-right: Jake Waffan, Branson Stang, Andy Wirtz and Brandon Davis.



“Ground Control” anchors, seniors Jake Waffan and Carlie Buettner.

“There were a lot of unknowns when we began this new program,” said Luke Kieffer, instructor for the Video Production class. “There are a lot of different program models and lots of ideas – but how do you actually execute those with kids? I developed our own procedures and rules as we went along.”

Kieffer was pleasantly surprised that he met most of his goals for the new class. “I wasn’t sure we would get the two-camera taping pulled off, but the students learned to handle it.

They learned to handle the live switching. And I’m really happy with the way the studio turned out. It looks professional.”

The studio occupies a space that was a stage before the school’s auditorium was built decades ago. Now it is transformed into a modern video production studio complete with tripod-mounted cameras, studio lighting, an anchor desk and a green screen. Black ceiling and walls absorb ambient light, and carpeting on the floor absorbs ambient sound. A control booth in the

back allows video editing “on the fly,” inserting graphics and B-roll while taping the announcers, who read scripts off iPads turned into teleprompters. Taping produced out in the field (students were required to complete seven, off-site news stories each) is edited into the program, as well.

Senior Andy Wirtz said he had so much fun during the course, he will be seeking out opportunities in college to learn about and use more video production skills. “Half the things I learned in this class, I just had no idea about before. Now I know the basics of how it works. Video production is a very sought-after skill.”

The units taught in class are camera operation, shoot-

ing composition, audio, pre-production, production and lighting. When the semester starts, students need to learn quickly enough to start producing videos right away. But Kieffer expects students to show growth across the semester, and the various technical aspects of the videos produced should show a continuous improvement.

“I held students to pretty high standards, and they found it challenging,” said Kieffer. “There are very real deadlines, for example. If you’re reporting on a game, you can’t wait two weeks to put it together. Turn-around time has to be fairly quick.”

Senior Branson Stang has been producing the lunch menu segment, featuring an announcer standing in front of a graphic slideshow of the week’s daily menus, adding a comic twist or two. “It was kind of cool to get a perspective from working behind the scenes,” he said. “I learned how to work all the equipment in the control room, how to set up the camera angles, what a good lighting structure would be, learned how to work with the green screen, how to edit.”

“I really enjoyed being a news anchor for the first time. I learned a lot from this class,” said senior Brandon Davis. “When I watch Channel 5 or Fox 8 news, I can really understand what’s actually going on because, in this class, we learned all the stuff behind the scenes, all the lighting, how the cameras are operated, what we have to do to put the graphics on the screen and all that. I have worked with video editing programs, but this really took my skills to a new level.”

The full semester’s worth of the “Ground Control” video series can be viewed online at: [bit.ly/BayHighGroundControl](http://bit.ly/BayHighGroundControl). ●



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# Make Bay Village your destination on June 18

**D**o you want arts, crafts, antiques, music, bicycling, great food and family-style fun? Then, “Destination Bay” is the answer.

Once again, a number of Bay Village organizations are teaming up to provide a unique community experience under the umbrella of Destination Bay. This full day of family friendly events takes place on Saturday, June 18, all around the city.

Free shuttle transportation to all Destination Bay locations will be available, courtesy of O’Neill Healthcare.

This year, visitors to any of the Destination Bay locations will have a chance to win prizes! Pick up a Walgreens “passport to fitness” at one of the venues and have it stamped as you travel between the events.

Tear out the map on the opposite page for your guide to a fun-filled day in Bay Village!

## 1. CAHOON IN JUNE

Admission to Cahoon in June is free again this year. The annual fine crafts, collectibles and antiques event is June 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Cahoon Memorial Park.

There will be a Civil War encampment in the park from the members of the 195th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and a display of antique cars. Musical entertainment in the gazebo begins at 10 a.m., with a performance by Chip Richter. The True North Big Band, a 17-piece ensemble, takes the stage at 11 a.m., followed by Chris Pritchard and Dave Speaker playing classic rock from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Culinary artisans from the Cleveland Culinary Launch Kitchen will have a presence, selling their Northeast Ohio-made products. Food concessions will include the Ironwood Café, Island Delights, Pierogi Palace, and Bob Evans.

## 2. BAY VILLAGE LIBRARY

The Bay Village Branch Library has joined in the Destination Bay fun this year at Cahoon Memorial Park. Stop by from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. to sign up for the library’s Summer Reading Game and make a cool baseball craft! Giveaways and great reads for grown-ups will be available while supplies last. Fancy face painting will be available for \$1.

At 10 a.m., The Friends of the Bay Village Library are sponsoring the opening musical act for Cahoon in June. Chip Richter will delight folks of all ages with an interactive family concert on the gazebo stage!

At 11 a.m. join us at the library table for stories!

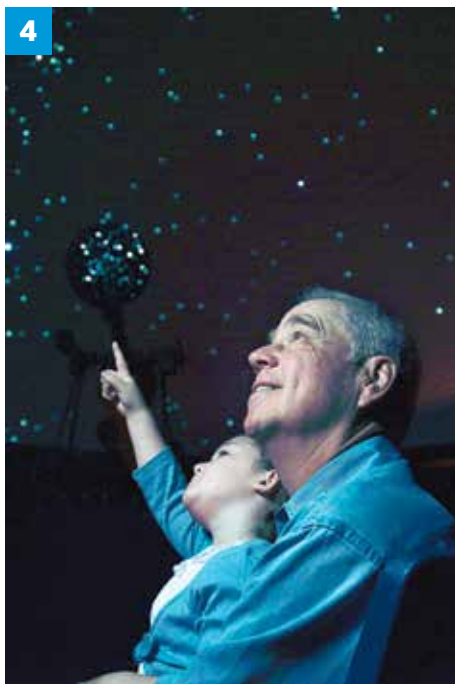
## 3. BAYARTS

Walk the green BAYarts campus as they present rows of over 70 vendors offering items like handmade jewelry, cupcakes, fairy gardens, personally crafted purses, watercolors, photography, fine woodworking, sea glass art and more. Concessions: Sweet Melissa’s, the Brat Boys and Piccadilly Creamery. Live music is provided by Rey Cintron’s Rice & Beans band. This event is entirely FREE and dog-friendly.

## 4. LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

In addition to our daily free admission, for Destination Bay, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center will be providing planetarium and animal programs at absolutely no charge. Events include:

- 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. EDventures with Animals program for all ages



- 11:00 a.m. Twinkle Tots Planetarium program for ages 0-3
  - 11:30 a.m. Stellar Stars Planetarium program for ages 3-7
  - 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. Family Adventures in Space Planetarium program for all ages
  - 1:00 p.m. You-niverse Planetarium program for all ages
  - 2:30 p.m. Rusty Rocket’s Last Blast Planetarium program for ages 4-12
- The Center’s exhibits and wildlife gardens will be available from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## 5. BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Everyone is invited to come and join us for a day of fun in the sun at the Fire Station! We’ll have

refreshments, tours of the fire trucks, fire safety information, and the chance for kids to shoot water from a real fire hose!

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## 7. VILLAGE BICYCLE COOPERATIVE

Pedal on over to the Village Bicycle Cooperative for a fun art project to take home, made from recycled bike parts! Or check out some bikes geared up for adventuring and learn how you can BIKE MORE & drive less. Our knowledgeable mechanics will also be on hand to answer any questions or offer support on bike repairs.

We have a full bike shop available for use by the community and would like to help you grow as a bike mechanic with some hands on experience!

## WALGREENS

Walgreens is very excited to be a healthy destination for this year’s Destination Bay. We will have a table set up in Cahoon Park to be a healthy and fun destination for everyone visiting.

We have organized a walk where participants can enter to win an activity tracker and other great prizes.

You can pick up your passport to fitness at any of the locations highlighted with Destination Bay the day of the event. ●



# Bay Village Foundation awards scholarships, grants

by AL PAULUS

The Bay Village Foundation hosted its annual Memorial Day ceremony to dedicate permanent bronze plaques honoring James Potter, Richard Schier and Eileen Vernon, award scholarships to three Bay High seniors, and announce its 2016 grant recipients. The program, now in its 21st year, took place at Cahoon Park North and was emceed by Jon Loufman.

The T. Richard Martin Scholarship winner was Evan O'Donnell, and Abigail Christel and Joe Auckley were awarded Bay Village Foundation scholarships.

Grant recipients included BAYarts, for

the purchase and installation of a canvas awning at the main entrance of the John Huntington House; Destination Bay, for promotional materials for a community-wide celebration in Bay Village on June 18; Youth Challenge, to support an adapted bowling program at Bay Lanes for teens and young adults with physical disabilities; Bay Village Community Theater Inc., to support the group's efforts to restart community theater in Bay Village; Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, for renovation of the Stream Tank; and Play in Bay, for the refurbishment of the community playground built in 1995.

The grants totaled approximately \$20,000. ●



PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

Pictured, from left, back row: Steve Ruscher and Al Paulus from the Bay Village Foundation; John Hnat, Bay Village Community Theater; Cathy Flament, Destination Bay; Tim Jasinski, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center; and Angelica Compton, Youth Challenge. Front row: scholarship winners Joe Auckley, Abigail Christel and Evan O'Donnell.



PHOTO BY KAREN DERBY

The winners of the BMS poster contest, from left, front row: Jane Finley (first place), Barbara Aldridge (judges' choice), Mason Hewko (judges' choice), Sophia Beauchesne (judges' choice), Grace Chilton (judges' choice), Trinity Conley (second place), Kayla Maust (judges' choice), Danielle Gaudino (third place). Back row: Sean McAndrews, Bay Middle School principal; Foster McMasters, Bay Village Kiwanis; and Clint Keener, Bay Village Schools superintendent.

## Students recognized for drug prevention awareness posters

Bay Middle School students participated in the school's annual Drug Prevention Awareness Poster Contest, coordinated by both the science and art teachers in conjunction with the spring drug education unit and our state's drug awareness month. The first, second and third place winners and judges' choice award winners received gift cer-

tificates supported once again this year by Bay Kiwanis.

"Kiwanis is proud to support this program," said Kiwanis member, Foster McMasters. Coordinators of the program added: "We are glad the students and teachers take time to discuss and do projects around this important issue."

Approximately 60 students participated in the contest. ●

# Destination Bay! • June 18

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**2 Bay Village Branch Library**  
9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
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**3 BAYarts Art & Music Festival**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Enjoy live music along with an assemblage of food and art vendors with everything from oil paintings to handmade jewelry. A FREE event!

**4 Lake Erie Nature & Science Center**  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Enjoy a free trip to the stars with complimentary planetarium programs all day. Admission to the center is always FREE!

**5 Bay Village Fire Station**  
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## FAITH &amp; SPIRITUALITY

# Amma Sri Karunamayi at Unity

by SHARON FEDOR

Amma Sri Karunamayi has been described by many as the embodiment of love. She describes herself as our soul-mother who loves her Cleveland babies. She is here to uplift everyone, of all faiths, or no faith. Her purpose for being here is to give love. Her guidance for all is "love and serve."

Amma was born in India, but travels the world giving discourses on the fundamental truths that support all faiths. Her charity, SMVA Trust, has built two schools, whose students otherwise would be child laborers, and 32 water treatment plants, with more villages waiting for them. Her 21st annual tour of America began in March. She'll be in the U.S. for five months, giving individual blessings and group meditations, traveling from Los Angeles, to Dallas, to Cleveland.

This will be Amma's eighth annual visit to Cleveland. She will hold three programs, June 9-11, at Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Road, Westlake. "The Divine Discourse," 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, usually begins with a short period of meditation for world peace. Subjects can vary from the spiritual, to the philosophical, to practical advice on how to live in purity and compassion.

Saraswati is the goddess of learning, the arts and wisdom. On Friday, June 10, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Amma will offer diksha, or initiation, into the sacred Sri Saraswati Mantra to bless and inspire students



Amma Sri Karunamayi will stop at Unity Spiritual Center June 9-11 during her nationwide tour.

between the ages of 4-24, so that their minds will flourish with concentration, creativity and discernment. The diksha/initiation is given only once in a student's lifetime. Individual blessings (for adults) are also bestowed during the program. A large number of people wish to receive an individual blessing,

so please arrive well before 5 p.m. Be prepared to relax in the spiritual atmosphere of Unity's Sanctuary while awaiting your blessing. Individual blessings begin with a sacred ritual, honoring Lakshmi, goddess of prosperity.

On Saturday, June 11, a meditation retreat can be attended for a full day, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., or half day, 12:30-6 p.m., and includes lunch. Amma encourages all of her children to meditate. Silence is the language of God, participants will be requested to maintain silence, allowing one to go deep within. Learn about meditation, or deepen your practice. The retreat costs \$102 for the full-day session, \$62 for the half-day.

The June 9 program is free and open to the public; the Saraswati Diksha and Meditation Retreat require registration. Register at [Cleveland@Karunamayi.org](http://Cleveland@Karunamayi.org) or 216-374-3493. Please come with clean face and hair. Wear clothing covering shoulders and knees, white for the retreat. Experience the unconditional love of this Universal Mother by attending one or all of the programs. Join the love. ♦

# Bay Middle School Destination Imagination team is first in the world



PHOTO COURTESY DESTINATION IMAGINATION

The Crew team from Bay Middle School won first place in their Destination Imagination category at the Global Finals. Pictured left-to-right, front row: James Chilton, Iain Ray, Annie Davenport, Patrick Lehane; back row: team manager Julie Meadows, Maeve Ransom, Finn Meadows, James Fowles, team manager Kim Ray.

by KAREN DERBY

Bay Village Schools Destination Imagination advisor, Marian Harmount, reported from the Destination Imagination Global Finals, held May 25-28 in Knoxville, Tennessee, that out of 1,464 teams, from 21 countries, totaling more than 8,000 students, there was a first-place team from Bay Village, Ohio.

The Crew, a team of fifth-graders from Bay Middle School, placed first in the world at the elementary level in their challenge, The Meme Event. Members of The Crew are Iain Ray, Finn Meadows, Maeve Ransom, Annie Davenport, James Chilton, James Fowles and Patrick Lehane. The students were required to complete a service project and then make a presentation about it. First, the team raised money to donate to refugee families living in Lakewood. Then, they arrived at the Destination Imagination Global Finals and made their presentation. One reason their presentation was memorable was because the students rhymed the entire script.

A total of four teams from the Bay Village Schools qualified at district and state level competitions to complete at Destination Imagination's Global Finals.

Team Blank, all sixth-graders from Bay Middle School, also had a great performance and tied for ninth-place in their challenge, Get a Clue. As one of the top 10 teams in their challenge, they saw their names posted on the scoreboard in the arena for all 17,000 attendees to see. Members of Team Blank are Holly Mack, Michael Muccio, Simon Miedza,

Gus Priemer, Hayden Atzberger, Josh Dwyer and Celia Feiszli.

Two other Bay Village Schools teams competed at the Global Level. Team Lane Violation was made up of Bay High students Olivia Risch and Jessica Bohannon. The Aqua Girls, who drove directly from their Bay Middle School eighth-grade Washington, D.C. field trip, competed for their fifth time at the Global Finals. Team members are Audrey Ray, Patty Yuhas, Ava Ransom, Olivia Reed, Eliza Aleksandrovic, Caroline Fowles and Grace Chilton.

Lisa Priemer, a parent and school board member, was thoroughly impressed with the experience the event provided students. "As someone who attended the event, I can tell you it will be something these kids will never forget," she said. "They met kids from as far away as China and Poland, and they had educational interactions with people from Google, NASA, National Geographic and Microsoft. In between, they got to hang out with over 8,000 other kids who think eating graham crackers soaked in liquid nitrogen, researching camouflage and building a toothpick bridge that can hold 200 pounds and play music is more fun than anything else."

Destination Imagination provides open-ended challenges that require students to apply science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills, in addition to their talents in improvisation, theater arts, writing, project management, communication, innovation, teamwork, community service and social entrepreneurship. ♦

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**BAYARTS**

# BAYarts shares stroke story through Bill Forester’s exhibition

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

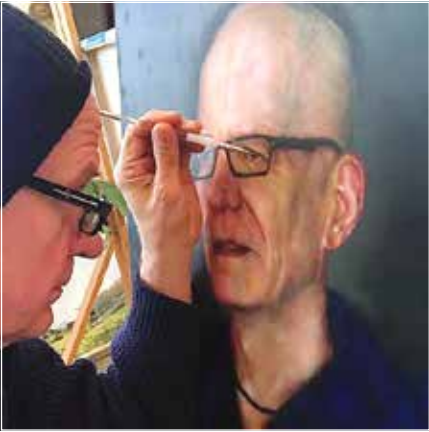
Six years ago, a stroke robbed artist Bill Forester of his voice, but his need to communicate and be understood remained. Forester found ways beyond words to give him a broader and more nuanced language of creative

expression. Through painting the self-portrait, Forester has found his voice. “I died Aug. 17, 2009, in the evening. Before I died, I watched myself in my dresser mirror... I was grabbing things to make noise, because I realized I was talking, but no sound was coming from me. When I woke up, I didn’t know what had happened. I was paralyzed. I could only manage a few words, with no sense of grammar. The doctors said, ‘Bill is lost.’ They wanted to know if I had a living will for organs.”

This is what began a harrowing journey of life in the wake of this personal catastrophe.

This exhibition, titled “Facing Forward,” represents a passage through the threshold of recovery and celebrates life and love as Forester faces forward.

“I feel a new artist was born by this tragedy,” Forester said. “This show helps me to pass through a threshold of



Bill Forester works on his self-portrait for his “Facing Forward” gallery exhibition.

recovery, to express my gratitude for a life I love and to face forward fully and creatively self-expressed.”

The exhibition is on display through July 2 in the Diane Boldman Education Gallery, open Monday-Saturday, 9-5 p.m. ●

# Ann Gilbert & Friends play to enthusiastic crowd

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

The overflow audience, which gathered at Porter Library for the program “Bass Extravaganza,” required a last-minute call for more chairs. But the outstanding performances of Ann Gilbert “and friends” riveted their audience through the mix of music from Mozart to Strayhorn, earning a spontaneous standing ovation.

With an easy, friendly manner Gilbert provided a description of three of her bass instruments that would be used in the program. They included her newest acquisition, a carbon fiber bass that uses ultra-modern materials and technology initially developed for modern aircraft and NASA. “You don’t have to worry about getting it wet and you can even use Windex on it,” Gilbert added with a smile. She also brought a traditional wood orchestral bass, a Bandoni, and an electro-acoustic instrument “GELbass” by G. Edward Luthier.

Gilbert is principal bassist with the Akron Symphony Orchestra, Blue Water Chamber Orchestra and the Cleveland Pops Orchestra. She had Travis Phillips, a second-grader, open the program playing “Shortnin’ Bread.” He is a Suzuki bass student at The Cleveland Music Settle-



Dan Maier, piano, Ed Caner, violin, Ann Gilbert, bass, Bill Marx, drums and a portion of their overflow audience.

ment, where Gilbert teaches.

Then, using the Italian bass, Gilbert, accompanied by Bill Marx on drums and Dan Maier on piano, raised the performance bar to its highest level and set an upbeat tempo with three selections including Lorenziti’s “Gavotte.”

Four more “friends” – Ed Caner and Alex Vago on carbon fiber violins, Ann Smith on carbon fiber viola, and Miles Richardson on carbon fiber cello – joined Gilbert to perform Mozart’s “Divertimento in D Major.”

The saying that “When a Mozart symphony is played, the silence following upon it is also by Mozart” seems to ring true for any excellent performance of Mozart music. Before the thunder of applause began it seemed the audi-

ence caught its breath – explaining that described silence.

But this outstanding group of musicians took its audience on a multifaceted trip which included “Take the ‘A’ Train” by Billy Strayhorn, “Effendi” by McCoy Tyner and when they performed “All of Me,” they were joined by Rick Fortney, who did the vocals.

The performance not only sparked a standing ovation, but also left many audience members reluctant to leave without personally expressing their praise to the musicians. Thirty minutes after the program ended, many still lingered.

The May 24 program was sponsored by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council and offered without charge to the community. ●

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# Law director Ebert honored for 30 years of service to Bay



by TARA WENDELL

**G**ary Ebert walked into a packed council chambers on May 16, unaware that he was the evening's guest of honor. When the audience erupted in applause at his

entrance, he glanced around and saw faces from all areas of his life – colleagues from his law firm, former city officials, family and friends. Gary's wife, Pam, pictured above left, who was one of the party's co-conspirators along with Clerk of Council Joan

Kemper, came around the dais to pin a boutonniere on his suit. His children and grandchildren from out of town embraced him with hugs. The surprise celebration recognized Gary's 30 years as Bay Village's law director, although his public service goes back farther.

Before being appointed law director by Mayor Jim Cowles in 1986, Gary served four years as a Ward 4 councilman. Calling the ceremony "overwhelming," Gary was quick to assert that, despite the milestone, he has no plans to retire. ●

## WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

### LBMS students sprint to top of solar car competition

by KIM BONVISSUTO

**L**ee Burneson Middle School seventh-grade pre-engineering students brought home three top awards in the Junior Solar Sprint (JSS) race at Cleveland State University on May 18.

The team of Makki Al-Saffar and Evan Wrightsman took home the title of Fastest Car from a field of 70 competing cars. Chloe Howlett and Brianna Ware's car won the Most Innovative award, which was judged by NASA engineers and CSU students. LBMS also brought



home the Most Spirit Award.

The JSS is a national event that challenges middle school students to design, test and race model solar cars within specific engineering constraints. This STEM activity was the second annual JSS race in Northeast Ohio and included students from Brecksville, Lake Middle School in Hartville, North Olmsted and Westlake.

Students toured CSU's Engineering Department

to visit labs, listen to professors and talk with college engineering students. They also saw a Tesla, a hybrid Honda Accord and displays from First Solar and Dovetail Solar. CresCor gave out hotdogs from a solar-powered food rack, and National Park Service representatives talked about the upcoming college solar car race that begins in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park this summer. ●



PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

### Thompson wins Bay Days fireworks fund raffle prize

by ERIC EAKIN

**B**ay Village resident and long-time boating enthusiast Ken Thompson won a one-year membership in the Freedom Boat Club through a raffle offered by the Bay Days Fireworks Fund. The Freedom Boat Club offers unlimited access to a fleet of eight boats docked in the Rocky

River, at Port Clinton and Catawba, and at other locations nationwide. Raffle tickets for Cleveland Cavaliers seats are still available and will be on sale until July 4. See bayfireworks.org for details. ●  
**Pictured, from left, are Ken Thompson, Bay Days Fireworks Fund Chairperson Eric Eakin, Dave Tadych, and Freedom Boat Club owner Beckett Spreng.**

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WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

21 WHS students inducted into National Spanish Honor Society



A group of Westlake High Spanish students became the newest members of the National Spanish Honor Society last month. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Diana Kalash, Rachel Cuellar, Madeline Dornon, Katherine Pavilonis, Leah Choban, Riya Desai, Christine Hughes; (second row) Catherine Frerman, Bushra Altabba, Nicole Korczak, Maura Ryan; (third row) Jeremy Schwochow, Mark Sargent, Bradley Katcher, Aris Jhaveri, Justin Krantz; (fourth row) Mohammad Alsi, Youseff Al-Shinnawi, Carter Hoon, Hong Liang and Alexander Lathem.

Art entries vie for cash awards

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

July 11 is the registration deadline for the 2016 Community of Fine Arts Show, the juried art show founded 17 years ago by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council. The COFA provides artists an opportunity to display their work to the public for the month of August and offers the possibility of prize money. The WWAC announced that this year, artists over 18 years old will have work accepted for the show in two divisions: Amateur/Semi-

Professional; and Seasoned/Professional. Each division has five categories: Oil/Acrylic; Watercolor; Drawing/Pen & Ink; Charcoal/Pastel; and Photography. Cash awards will be given for Best and Second in each division/category. The 17th edition of COFA will take place Aug. 1-27 at Westlake Porter Public Library, which has graciously hosted the event for the past several years. Details of how works are submitted for possible entry, fees, prizes



Robert Parry's watercolor received a second-place award in the 2015 COFA.

and other pertinent information are outlined on the entry form, which is available online at [www.w-wac.org](http://www.w-wac.org). For more information contact Robert Pearl at 440-554-7522 or email at [robrtpearl@aol.com](mailto:robrtpearl@aol.com).

Nursing scholarships awarded

BY CANDY SANSON

Each spring, O'Neill Healthcare Bay Village is honored to award four scholarships to local graduating high school seniors planning to pursue a career in nursing. Each candidate is required to complete a scholarship application and write an essay about why they want to pursue a career in the healthcare, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have at least one academic letter of recommendation. The four recipients for 2016 are Ellie Irvine from Bay High School, who plans to study nursing at the University of Kentucky; Hayley McIntyre from Westlake High who plans on studying nursing at Xavier; Hannah Lieb of Avon who attends Magnificat and plans to study nursing at the University of Mount Union; and Mary Quinn of Avon Lake High who plans to study nursing at the University of Mount Union. Congratulations to all of these very talented young women.



Mary Quinn, Hannah Lieb and Hayley McIntyre were presented scholarships by Candy Sanson, from O'Neill Healthcare Bay Village.

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BAY VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

# Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

It's that time of year again, our annual ice-cream social! Join your friends, neighbors and library staff for a scoop of yummy Mitchell's ice cream at the Bay Village branch library on Wednesday, June 22, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Enjoy your tasty treat and the cool musical stylings of The Desmond and Molly Band, as well as a visit from The Fairytale Foundation princesses.

As a convenience to our customers, Cuyahoga County Public Library branches recently began selling postage stamps,

offices supplies, and RTA bus passes. Stop by the Bay Village branch library to pick up any items you may need.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Join us at the Bay Village pool for poolside storytimes. The poolside storytimes will be held Mondays and Tuesdays at 2 p.m. We hope to see you there this summer!

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

- **Mondays (10 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** - ages 19-35 months.

- **Tuesdays (10 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** - ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesdays (6:45 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** - for all ages
- **Wednesdays (10 a.m.) BABY AND ME STORYTIME** - ages birth-18 months
- **Thursdays (10 a.m.) PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME** - ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten)
- **Thursdays (6:45 p.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME** - Geared for children who are developmentally at the preschool level and specifically designed for children with special needs and their families. The program incorporates a scheduled board, double visuals and sensory opportunities for participants as well as socialization time following the program.

- **Fridays (10 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** - for all ages
- Saturday, June 11 (2 p.m.) LIGHT UP YOUR SUMMER** - For grades 1-3. Light up your summer with fun and illuminating activities. Join us in sharing firefly and summer adventure books. Participate in crafting your own Storybook Lantern and Critter Bookmark using LEDs and other light sources.
- Monday, June 20 (2 p.m.) MONDAY MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY** - Cool off this summer by visiting the library for a special screenings of popular movies. Bring a blanket and pillow or sleeping bag. A parent/guardian must sign a release form before the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library.
- ADULT DEPARTMENT**
- Friday, June 17 (10 a.m.)**

**BAYARTS BOOK DISCUSSION** - Join us for this monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus on the porch of the Fuller House. Copies of this month's book, "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman, will be available at the library and BAYarts one month prior to the discussion.

**Monday, June 20 (7 p.m.) HEART HEALTHY HABITS** - Are your habits hurting your health? Join a MetroHealth expert to learn how making little changes to your daily routine can help you lead a healthier lifestyle. Learn tips to keep your heart healthy and why prevention is important to combating heart disease.

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

WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

**Wednesday, June 8 (noon-1:30 p.m.) LUNCH & LEARN SPEAKER SERIES** - Guest speakers join Career Transition Center to present informative and timely topics for job seekers. Bring your lunch; learn and grow. Coffee provided. This month's topic: "New Economy, New Rules of the Game."

**Wednesday, June 8 (7-8:30 p.m.) GENEALOGY BASICS, TOO** - Learn how to do advanced searches with Ancestry.com and get an introduction to other online resources. Includes hands-on research. Please register.

**Thursday, June 9 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION** - The June selection is "Skeleton Cupboard: The Making of a Clinical Psychologist" by Tanya Byron.

**Friday, June 10 (4-5:30 p.m.) WEIRD(ER) SCIENCE** - Designed to teach fundamental principles in an entertaining format, through demonstrations and activities. This month: design and make your own kite! Grades 5-6. Please register.

**Saturday, June 11 (2-4 p.m.) CARRY-OUT CRAFTS** - Stop in to create our featured craft. We have all the supplies you'll need to create something fantastic!

**Monday, June 13 (2-3:30 p.m.) BEGINNING ORIGAMI** - Learn the basics of origami, the art of folding paper, with crafting guru Jenn Cline. All supplies will be provided. Grades 5-7. Please register.

**Monday, June 13 (2-3:30 p.m.) START SKYPING** - Skype is a way to keep in touch with far away family and friends through video, voice and message. Join us to learn more about Skype and how to set up your own account. Bring your own devices (smartphone, tablet, laptop, etc.). Registration is required.

**Monday, June 13 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKER MONDAY: WHAT IS 3-D PRINTING?** - Learn what 3D printing is, and how it's

revolutionized the way anyone can make nearly anything. Part of Maker Mondays, which celebrates STEAM initiatives (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) and meets one Monday each month. Please register.

**Tuesday, June 14 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: WRITING TO EMPLOYERS** - Learn letter-writing techniques to prepare effective cover letters, marketing letters, follow-up letters and more.

**Tuesdays, June 14 and 21 (2:30-3 p.m.) BOOK BUDDIES** - Teen volunteers help younger students retain their reading skills. This program is designed for children entering grades 1-4 who need extra help practicing reading. Please note: Book Buddy volunteers are neither expected nor trained to correct learning problems or to teach children to read.

**Tuesdays, June 14 and 21 (3-4 p.m.) SUMMER BRAIN GAMES** - Keep up your skills during summer vacation! Kids in grades 1-4 can drop in each week for grade-appropriate educational games. Teen volunteers and staff from the Westlake City Schools will be on hand to assist.

**Tuesday, June 14 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** - In June we'll discuss "The Dead Key" by D.M. Pulley.

**Wednesday, June 15 (4-4:45 p.m.) KIDS IN THE KITCHEN** - Learn basic cooking skills with fast, simple, no-bake recipes! For students with special needs and their typical peers. If you have an allergy or special diet concerns, please contact the Youth Department at 440-250-5471 for a list of ingredients. Ages 8-12. Registration begins June 8.

**Wednesday, June 15 (7-8:45 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** - Betty Franklin of the Westlake LDS Family History Center will speak about "Helping Young People Make Their

Ancestors Come Alive."

**Thursday, June 16 (2-3 p.m.) DOODLEBOTS!** - Learn about circuits while making scribbling, jiggling drawing machines. Ages 9-12. Registration begins June 9.

**Thursday, June 16 (2-4 p.m.) TEEN CRAFTS** - Bring out your creativity and kill some time in the Teen Department Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. throughout the summer. Drop in for a new creation each week! All supplies provided. June 16: Duct Tape Luggage Tags.

**Thursday, June 16 (7-8:15 p.m.) THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART AT 100: The Extraordinary Gifts of Jephtha Homer Wade II & Frederic Allen Whiting** - Holly Witche, director of The Wade Project at the Western Reserve Historical Society, returns to speak about the founding of the Cleveland Museum of Art and the importance of the gifts from prominent Clevelanders in making it a reality. Please register.

**Friday, June 17 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY** - Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by a super-villain who, alongside her inventor husband, hatches a plot to take over the world. Rated PG. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Friday, June 17 (3-3:45 p.m. OR 4-4:45 p.m.) FUN SCIENCE FRIDAY: JOURNEY TO THE RAINFOREST** - Join Mrs. K as we travel to the tropical rainforest of the Amazon and investigate the variety of plant and animal life that call this great "greenhouse" home. Discover ways we can help protect and preserve earth's rainforests through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home project. Ages 4-6. Registration begins June 10.

**Saturday, June 18 (9:30-10 a.m.) YOGA RHYME TIME!** - A perfect way to introduce yoga and practice simple poses with rhymes that imitate animals and nature. Remember to wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Ages 3-1/2 to 5 years.

**Saturday, June 18 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) IT'S FATHER'S DAY AT THE LIBRARY!** - Join us in the Youth Ser-

vices Department for fun-filled Father's Day crafts and activities! All ages.

**Saturday, June 18 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) POKEMON FUN!** - Bring your cards and accessories for a fun morning of Pokemon-themed play, prizes, and crafts! Ages 6-12.

**Saturday, June 18 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS** - Bring your ideas and imagination to the club! Ages 3-12. Lego and Duplo bricks provided.

**Sunday, June 19 (2-3:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS!** - Are you bored? Drop by the Storytime Room and join in the fun! We will have different activities available each month. All ages welcome. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Monday, June 20 (2-3:30 p.m.) FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS** - Crafty Jenn Cline is back to help you create cool (and pretty!) friendship bracelets. Grades 5-7. Registration begins June 13.

**Monday, June 20 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) PUB TRIVIA AT PORTER!** - Bring your A-game and your best team as we kick off the summer with a round of pub trivia! Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please register.

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THE GREEN REPORT

# The Dirty Dozen

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

The Dirty Dozen is a list compiled each year by the Environmental Working Group ([www.ewg.org](http://www.ewg.org)) that ranks fruits and vegetables by USDA reports of pesticide findings. The USDA found 146 different pesticides on samples of fruits and vegetables, and found that even when the food was washed, many pesticides were still on them.

Why should you worry about pesticides on your food? The sole purpose of pesticides is to kill living organisms. We are living organisms. Pesticides are linked to cancer, hormone disruption, developmental problems in children, and neurological problems. The Dirty Dozen list empowers consumers by informing us of which conventionally grown fruits and vegetables are likely to have the most pesticides. That way, consumers can decide which food they want to purchase organic, and which foods are not as important to buy organic.

The first food on the list is strawberries. Strawberries are particularly vulnerable because of the nature of the fruit; the outside of the berry absorbs the pesticides and therefore they will not go away when washed. The USDA reports that strawberry growers use 60 different pesticides in different combinations. Strawberry growers are also known to use poisonous gases (some of which were developed for chemical warfare and banned by the Geneva Convention) in order to kill all weeds, pests and other living things in their soil to sterilize it before they plant the strawberries. Whenever possible, choose organic strawberries for yourself and your family.

Apples are the second food on the list, meaning they are the second-most contaminated fruit with pesticides. Tractors are driven

directly next to the apple trees, and use a mechanical spraying device that sprays pesticides to coat the leaves and the exterior of the fruit. Pesticides then adhere directly to the skin and can even seep into the core near the stem of the fruit.

Anytime a fruit or vegetable is sprayed with pesticides, not only does it endanger the health of the people eating it, it endangers the person working to spray the pesticides and also endangers nearby communities with a “pesticide drift.” Some of the pesticides get caught in the wind, and contaminate the air for people living near the farm. By purchasing organic, you are making a statement with your purchasing power that not only do you care about the health of yourself and your family, but you also care about the health of the workers and the communities near the producers of the food. If everyone only bought organic apples, the demand for conventional would be non-existent, thus pushing apple producers to go organic.

The next ten foods, in order, on the Dirty Dozen list are: Nectarines, peaches, celery, grapes, cherries, spinach, tomatoes, sweet bell peppers, cherry tomatoes, hot peppers, and kale/collard greens. These are all foods that are the most important to buy organic if you eat them.

The Environmental Working Group also publishes the “Clean Fifteen” list, which ranks the produce least likely to be contaminated with pesticides. These foods are, in order: Avocados, pineapples, cabbage, frozen sweet peas, onions, asparagus, mangos, papayas, kiwi, eggplant, honeydew melon, grapefruit, cantaloupe, and cauliflower. When purchasing these, it is not as important to the health of you and your family to purchase organic, so save your money to purchase organic from the Dirty Dozen list. ●

## Far West Center social worker recognized for outstanding mental health care

by ALICIA GOODELLE

Longtime employee Denise Ayres of Far West Center was awarded the prestigious Mental Health Provider Award at NAMI Greater Cleveland’s May 22 annual meeting. In her 20-year career at Far West Center, Denise, a licensed social worker, has always stayed true in her dedication to the well-being of the most severely ill clients. Denise’s tireless work for the Compeer friendship program, and the AHH! art therapy program, are now recognized broadly in the Greater Cleveland community.

Many providers, consumers, volunteers and community leaders

know Denise by name and admire her lively spirit and the “can-do” energy she shares with those around her. Denise will say that she is honored to do the work she loves for her entire career.

“We applaud Denise on her recognition, and are grateful for her efforts, and now this much-deserved recognition,” said Kelly Dylag, President/CEO of Far West Center.

Far West Center is a community mental health center serving residents of western and southern Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties through offices in Westlake and Amherst. For more information, call 440-835-6212, ext. 230, or email [intake@farwestcenter.com](mailto:intake@farwestcenter.com). ●

### BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Bay Village civic groups planning a busy summer of events

by MARY KAY WILSON

The Bay Village Community Council held its quarterly meeting on May 18. Representatives from the city’s many civic organizations shared news and notes about their activities. Following are some of the highlights.

**American Legion Post 385** participated in an Eagle Scout Honor Court with St. Raphael Boy Scout Troop 159. The new Eagle Scouts are Andrew Arko, Adam Bator and Alan Clark. On June 10, the Legion will conduct a flag retirement ceremony. Old, torn and faded flags will be retired using official procedures as established by the American Legion headquarters. The retirement will take place at the Post Home, 695 Cahoon Road, Westlake. In early July the members will be remembering veterans recently buried at the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery. Brass markers will be placed next to the grave of each veteran and a ceremony marking the event will be held.

**The American Red Cross in Bay Village** will be awarding a \$1,500 scholarship to a senior at Bay High School for their commitment and service to the Red Cross Blood Services program for the 2015-16 school year. Bay United Methodist sponsored a first-time blood drive in February and collected 24 units of blood. The church will sponsor another drive on July 24. Regular blood drives are held at Bay Village Library and Bay Village Police Department. Upcoming drives are June 26 at the police station and July 7 at the library. Schedule an appointment to donate at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

**The Bay Village Fireworks Fund** is selling raffle tickets for a one-year membership to Freedom Boat Club and ticket pairs for 10 Cavs games. More information can be found at [bayfireworks.org](http://bayfireworks.org).

**The Bay Village Garden Club** planted the Bay entrance signs, the gazebo and City Hall.

**The Bay Village Green Team** is hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop on Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m., at the Bay Village Community House. This free workshop by the Cuyahoga County Soil & Water Conservation District will demonstrate how to harvest rainwater to use for watering lawns and gardens. A complete rain barrel system with diverter and spigot will be available for \$60. Registration required; 216-524-6580, ext. 22, or [aroskilly@cuyahogaswcd.org](mailto:aroskilly@cuyahogaswcd.org).

**Bay Village Kiwanis Club** donated \$9,000 to Play in Bay. New officers have been elected for the 2016-2017 year beginning Oct. 1. Allen Waddle will be the Club President next year. The Club gave out scholarships totaling \$12,000.

**The Bay Village League of Women Voters** will be working the Bay Days ticket booth again this year. It is the group’s largest fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to help in the booth, they will receive ride tickets or a wristband that can be used for family or friends if they wish. Email Claire Banasiak, chapter president, at [cekb51@gmail.com](mailto:cekb51@gmail.com) if interested.

**The Bay Village Library** will also take part in Destination Bay at Cahoon in June on Saturday, June 18, 9-4 p.m. We will host Chip Richter for a fun-filled interactive family

concert on the gazebo stage at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m., we will have stories and we will have baseball crafts and giveaways throughout the day. Our Annual Ice Cream Social will take place June 22, 6-8 p.m., featuring Mitchell’s Ice Cream and the musical stylings of The Desmond and Molly Band.

**The Bay Village Women’s Club Foundation** awarded \$22,500 in college scholarships to nine Bay High School seniors at their “Honors for Scholars” luncheon. The next club meeting will be on Thursday, June 9. It is the annual potluck luncheon and pot planting event. The Club has for sale Bay Memorabilia: afghans, Cat’s Meow wooden Huntington Towers, cookbooks with history of Bay, playing cards, etc. Contact Marilyn at 440-892-4344 or Nancy at 440-334-7539. Cookbooks are available at Fragapanes Bakery and playing cards are available at Dwyer Senior Center. Contact Darin for the Cat’s Meow collectibles, 440-871-4209, [darsny5633@aol](mailto:darsny5633@aol). Your purchase supports the Club’s civic contributions to the community and scholarships for Bay High School seniors.

**The Lake Erie Nature and Science Center’s** annual benefit, Nature’s Night Out, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27, this year. We are raising funds from patrons and sponsors, seeking silent auction packages and adding volunteers to the Benefit Committee. If you are interested in supporting the event and the Center in any of these capacities, call 440-871-2900. Over 150 animals have been admitted to our wildlife rehabilitation program this year and we are now in our busiest season. If you see wildlife you believe needs assistance, call 440-471-8357 before intervening. More information about summer camps is available at [lensc.org](http://lensc.org). The Center is pleased to be part of Destination Bay again this year and will offer all public planetarium shows at no cost on Saturday, June 18.

**The Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution** honor the service of all veterans at the Bay Village Memorial Day Parade. They carried a special flag honoring service and sacrifice of Vietnam-era veterans and their families during the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War. They will also have a table at Cahoon in June.

**VFW Post 9693** is seeking new membership or increased activity from current members in our community. For more information, contact Fred Green at [fgreen1978@gmail.com](mailto:fgreen1978@gmail.com) or 440-899-7416.

**The Village Project’s** Project Pedal will be held on June 18 at Bay Middle School from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. It is part of Destination Bay. Our goal is to have 500 riders, and to raise \$40,000. For more information or to register for Project Pedal, visit [ourvillageproject.com](http://ourvillageproject.com). Due to the increase in the number of clients served, Village Project will double the number of cooking and delivery days. This should happen sometime over the summer.

**The Bay Village Foundation** hosted its annual Memorial Day ceremony to dedicate permanent bronze plaques honoring James Potter, Richard Schier and Eileen Vernon.

*The next meeting of the Bay Village Community Council will be Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m., at the Bay Village Library. All Bay Village community groups are invited to send a representative to share news about their organizations and network with others. ●*



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## Is it time to change that flag?

by JIM POTTER

Now that Memorial Day is over and Flag Day is upon us, it might be time to take a closer look at that outdoor flag of yours. Has it faded from the sun or become torn from the winter winds?

If either of these situations has attacked your flag it just might be time to purchase a new flag. Many local stores carry them in stock at competitive prices. Just be sure to buy one that was Made in America.

This brings us to the next step, what do you do with the old flag?

Well, the Bay Village American Legion Post #385 has your answer. As a part of their Flag Day celebration, they are collecting old, torn and faded flags at their Post home, 695 Cahoon Road, just north of the White Oaks Restaurant. They have a red, white and blue box next to their front door to receive your old flag.

Later in the year, the Legion will conduct a retirement ceremony, where the flags are retired with full military honors.

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**BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES**

## Bay Village senior wellness participants plant vegetable garden



PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

Volunteers brave the hot sun to plant rows of tomatoes, peppers, herbs and other plants in the new Dwyer Center garden.

by **LESLIE SELIG**

With the goal of helping seniors prevent or manage chronic illness through good nutrition and exercise, The Bay Village Senior Center has kicked off a six-month wellness program that includes the planting of a large vegetable garden on the grounds of the senior center. All of the vegetables harvested will be given back to the seniors, and used for cooking demonstrations and tastings using this produce.

Research has shown that simple changes to diet and exercise can help seniors prevent and manage heart disease, high blood pressure and

diabetes, as well as other chronic conditions.

The wellness series at the Bay Village Dwyer Center includes a June 15 program on healthy eating from the National Council on Aging. Enjoy light refreshments and learn about easy ways to make your favorite foods healthier. The program begins at 10 a.m.; RSVP to 440-835-6565.

In addition, approximately 40 Bay seniors are participating in the St. John Medical Center Walking Challenge for the second year. Weekly group walks are also offered, as well as fitness programs appropriate for every level. Call the Dwyer Center at 835-6565 for more information. ●

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# Bay Village names tennis courts for donor

by RENEE MAHONEY

Bay Village Mayor Debbie Sutherland and members of her administration gathered at the Bradley Park tennis courts on May 31 to recognize the generosity of a former resident.

The City greatly appreciates Tom Coulton's donation of \$10,000 per year for the next six years in order to maintain and improve the

tennis court facilities in the city. Mr. Coulton is a 1981 graduate of Bay High School and is an accomplished international professional tennis player.

"I come back to Bay frequently and I utilize the courts," Coulton said. "I wanted to make a contribution to the city and I thought the tennis courts would be the place where I would want to start. I want to keep the courts in good shape and

encourage many people to play the game. I've played it my whole life and it's been a great thing for me."

In appreciation for his dedication to the city's tennis programs, a sign was erected at Bradley Park showing the new name of the tennis courts to be Coulton Courts.

One of the first improvements the City is looking into will be shade structures over the bleachers to provide shade for spectators. ●



Mayor Debbie Sutherland and Tom Coulton unveil the new sign.

PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL



Bay Men's Club president Ed Gallagher, scholarship committee chair Peter Gierosky, Annamarie McGuire, Alysse Nowak, Hannah Goebel, and BMC vice president Dave Blevins.

# Bay Men's Club awards scholarships

by ERIC EAKIN

The Bay Men's Club (BMC), one of the city's oldest and largest civic organizations, recently awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving Bay High seniors. Annamarie McGuire, Alysse Nowak and Hannah Goebel were honored for their academic achievements, civic involvement and extra-

curricular activities. McGuire plans to study forensics at the University of West Virginia. Nowak will attend Ohio University and study chemistry, and Goebel will study biology at The Ohio State University. Pictured above, left to right, are BMC president Ed Gallagher; scholarship committee chair Peter Gierosky; McGuire; Nowak; Goebel, and BMC vice president Dave Blevins. ●

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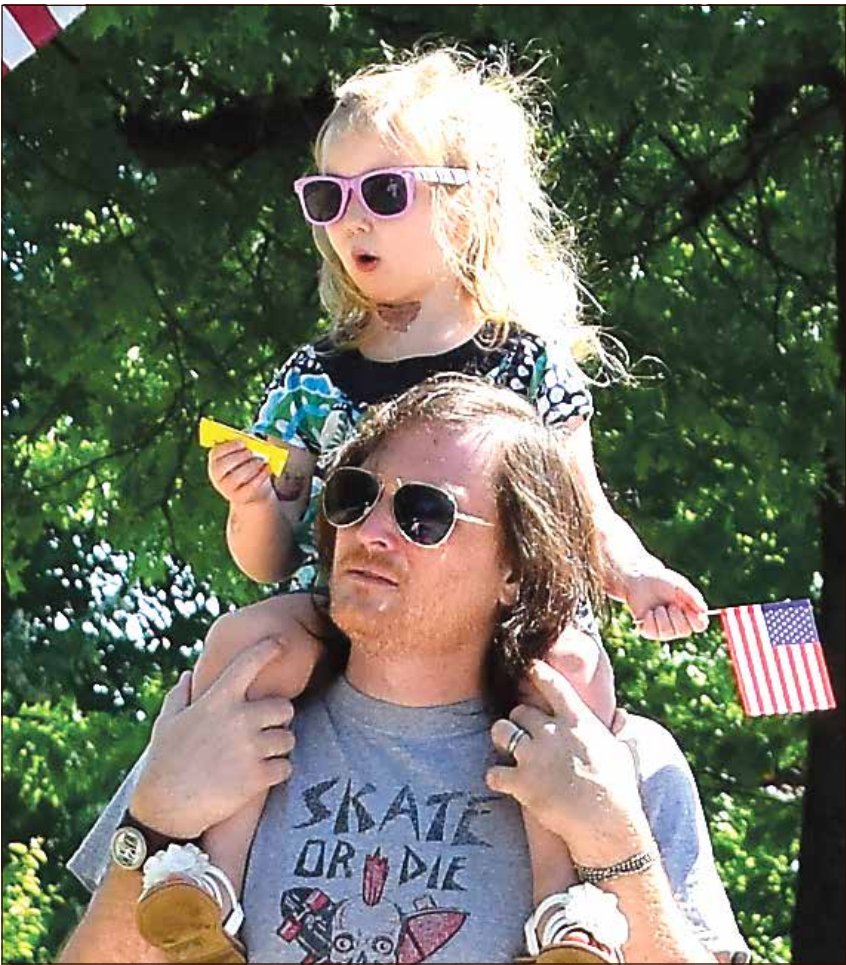
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# Memorial Day in Westlake and Bay



Jennifer Rutkoski welcomes the crowd before reciting the Pledge of Allegiance along with State Representative Nan Baker and Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough during ceremonies at Clague Park.



Dave Ralph gives his daughter, Wendy, the best view of the Westlake Memorial Day parade.



Flags fly at half-mast in the rose garden at Cahoon Memorial Park.



Brownie Girl Scout Sarah Hein carries flowers to be placed on the graves of veterans during ceremonies at Lakeside Cemetery in Bay Village.

# St. Paul School ice cream social and duct-taping ceremony

by DIANE KONYK

On May 20, the students at St. Paul Lutheran School in Westlake received an ice cream treat from Mitchell's Ice Cream, as they watched Principal Dale Lehrke, get duct-taped to a wall. This celebration rewarded the school body for their outstanding response to the National Junior Honor Society's (NJHS) Book Drive Fundraiser. During the school year, the Junior National Honor Society members challenged the school to

collect 1,300 books for students at The Village Prep School. The NJHS students asked Principal Lehrke for an extra challenge. He offered to be duct-taped to the wall if they doubled the number of books. The students responded by exceeding the challenge with a total number of books collected over 3,000! NJHS members Paris Mather (salutatorian) and Nolan Ragland (valedictorian) received the honor of removing the chairs from under Mr. Lehrke. The duct tape held him for one minute before he came down! ●



St. Paul Lutheran School Principal Dale Lehrke is pictured with students Paris Mather, Jeremiah Stover and Nolan Ragland.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

**Wednesday, June 8, noon-1:30 p.m.**  
**Lunch ‘n’ Learn Speaker Series**  
Career Transition Center presents a monthly series where you can hear from a member of the business community about topics of interest to job seekers. Bring a lunch. Coffee and cookies will be provided. On June 8, Doug O’Byron will discuss “New Economy - New Rules of the Game.”  
*Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, June 8, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
**Rain Barrel Workshop**  
Attend this free workshop by the Cuyahoga County Soil & Water Conservation District to learn how to harvest rainwater to use for watering lawns and gardens. A complete rain barrel system with diverter and spigot will be available for \$60. Registration required; 216-524-6580, ext. 22, or [aroskilly@cuyahogawcd.org](mailto:aroskilly@cuyahogawcd.org).  
*Bay Village Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.*

**Wednesday, June 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Technology from a Different Perspective**  
Join presenter Norbert “Bob” Gostischa as he takes a comical look back in time and then explains what you need to know to stay safe in the present. He will make your internet experience and computer operation safe, secure, and enjoyable. The presentation covers computers (Windows and Mac), tablets, and smart phones. Come at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments, followed by the program at 7 p.m. Free and open to all. For more, go to [neopc.org](http://neopc.org).  
*Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Thursday, June 9, noon**  
**Bay Village Women’s Club Pot Luck Luncheon**  
Attendees are to bring a favorite salad or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. Following the lunch, the club will provide a variety of flowers for members to create a colorful planter to take home. Each person needs to bring a pot or basket along with potting soil, a tool and gloves. For more information, call 440-334-7539.  
*Bay Village Police Station Community Room, 28000 Wolf Rd.*

**Thursday, June 9, 8:30 p.m.**  
**SkyQuest: Peering through the Clouds of Jupiter**  
Learn about The Juno Mission, part of NASA’s New Frontiers program. We’ll explore the probe itself, the mission it faced and what it has uncovered about the planet Jupiter and the Solar System. For pre-teens through adults. Fee: \$5/ person.  
*Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village*

**Friday, June 10, 6-8:30 p.m.**  
**Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social**  
The Clague House turns 140 years old this year and we are celebrating with free birthday cake and ice cream. We will also present the opening of our I (heart) History Art Show. Please RSVP to 216-848-0680.  
*Clague House Museum Lawn, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake*

**Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m.-noon**  
**Westlake Shredding Day**  
A shredding truck will be available for quick and easy destruction and disposal of documents. The Shred-it staff will handle the documents for shredding while you watch. Each household may bring material equivalent to the capacity of two standard-size copy paper boxes (10”x18”x9”). For Westlake residents only.  
*Westlake City Hall parking lot, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.*

**Sunday, June 12, 7-9 p.m.**  
**BAYarts Concert: Red Light Roxy**  
Authentic swingin’ jazz and blues. The BAYarts concert series is free and open to the public. We suggest you bring blankets/chairs!  
*BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village*

**Tuesdays, June 14 and 21, 7:30-8:30 a.m.**  
**Bay Village Toastmasters**  
A supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth. We are a group of friendly and supportive people who, in a comfortable and cozy atmosphere, practice and work on improving our public speaking skills. New members always welcome.  
*Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd. (Use main entrance; go up to second floor)*

**Tuesday, June 14, 7 p.m.**  
**West Side Democrats Meeting**  
The speaker will be Paul Henderson, with Common Good Ohio. He will talk about their economic justice work and the developments in their campaign to increase diversity and transparency at the Federal Reserve. All are welcome. If you wish, bring a snack to share. Beverages provided.  
*Western Cuyahoga Lodge, FOP Hall #25, 26145 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

**Thursday, June 16, 5-8 p.m.**  
**BAYarts Farm + Art Market: Opening Day**  
Local food, artisans, garden needs, demonstrations. Every Thursday, 5-8 p.m.  
*BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village*

**Thursday, June 16, 7-8 p.m.**  
**Westlake Toastmasters Meeting**  
Overcome your fears of speaking, develop better speaking and presentation skills, learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet, build strong leadership and mentoring skills, and open doors in your personal and professional life. Contact: Mary Anne, 216-374-3205.  
*Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

**Friday, June 17, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
**Group for Older Adults with Cancer**  
Call 216-595-9546 or visit [touchedbycancer.org](http://touchedbycancer.org) for more information. Free.  
*The Gathering Place, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake*

**Saturday, June 18**  
**Destination Bay!**  
See description and map on pages 12-13 for a schedule of events throughout the day.  
*Bay Village*

**Saturday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Outdoor Labyrinth Walk**  
All are invited to walk this 90-foot, outdoor labyrinth with an intention. Renew, and blend your inner light to this sacred, healing walk as we celebrate the Summer Solstice. If rain, we will move indoors. Free will offerings accepted. Wear comfortable shoes, as you walk beside a loving group of like-minded people.  
*Unity Spiritual Center of Westlake, 23855 Detroit Rd.*

**Sunday, June 19, 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
**Donuts, Dogs, & Dads: Celebrating the Men of the Community**  
What guys don’t like hot dogs & donuts? Bring your husband, uncle, brother, neighbor, mentor or dad as we celebrate men and thank them for the responsibility they take in our community and encourage them as models of God’s strength and courage. We will be grilling hot dogs at 11 a.m. and have donuts all morning! Worship services are at 8:15 a.m. (reflective), 10 a.m. (classic) and 11:28 a.m. (contemporary). The event is free and all are welcome!  
*Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Sunday, June 19, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
**Westlake Summer Concert Series**  
Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a variety of music. Tonight: Blue Lunch (jazz, blues & swing).  
*Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.*

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