

Bay Village City Council passes resolution on deer

by TOM HENDERSON,
Bay Village City Council, Ward 4

The deer population has been a topic of discussion in Bay Village for several years. Numerous public meetings have been held, various points of view have been expressed and City Council has received a great deal of input from constituents on the subject.

On June 27, City Council, in consultation with the Mayor, passed a resolution establishing a series of milestones and timelines leading to the development of a comprehensive deer population management plan for the City of Bay Village.



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Westlake selects new treasurer, DIS principal

by KIM BONVISSUTO

At a special board meeting on June 22, the Westlake City Schools Board of Education unanimously selected Todd Hopkins as the district treasurer and Alexander Fleming as principal of Dover Intermediate School.

Mr. Hopkins is currently the treasurer at Brooklyn City Schools and previously served as

the assistant treasurer and computer network manager. He also worked in the banking industry. His contract begins Aug. 1 and he will begin working with the district on an interim basis during the month of July while he finalizes work with the Brooklyn City Schools. Mark Pepera, the district's outgoing treasurer will remain on contract through July 16.

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Sliding into summer

Dad and daughter take a ride down the giant slide at Bay Days over the holiday weekend. See more photos, page 9.

Own a piece of Westlake history

by WILLIAM KRAUSE, Westlake Planning Department

In preparation for Westlake's Bicentennial in 2011 we began tracking buildings that would have their 100-year birthdays that year. There were 184 buildings determined to meet that criteria. Several were torn down before the Bicentennial even arrived and in the five short years since the Bicentennial, nine have been torn down, one re-muddled, three restored and three have seen significant incremental re-investment.

The high rate of demolition is primarily because many are homes that are on major streets in commercial or multi-family zoned districts. Now that Westlake is almost built out with less available vacant land, there is more interest in re-developing properties.

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Proudly patriotic



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Rob and Kathy Kess of North Olmsted display their American spirit as they watch the Westlake Fourth of July parade on Hilliard Boulevard. See more photos, page 8.

Ecumenical prayer service planned on eve of RNC opening

by GARY WEILAND

An ecumenical prayer service is planned in Bay Village on the eve of the opening of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Individuals from all faiths and communities are invited to the service at Bethesda-on-the-Bay Lutheran Church, 28701 Wolf Road, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 17.

"It is our hope that this non-partisan and ecumenical service emphasizing peace, hope and humility will guide us as we respond to this major public event in Cleveland, as well as the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia," said Pastor Robin Craig of Bethesda-on-the-Bay.

"We want to prepare ourselves to continue to meet the pressures of an election year with dignity, civility and

graciousness," she said. "We are all the people of God, called into the public square in order to witness to God's unfailing love."

The service of scripture, prayer and song will include an ecumenical choir that will sing two anthems and lead the congregation.

For more information, go to bethesdaonthebay.org or call the church office at 440-871-2276. ♦

DEER

from front page

This resolution documents Council's concern that the deer population is negatively affecting public health and safety, primarily through motor vehicle accidents.

The number of accidents involving deer has been growing steadily in recent years, increasing threefold from 11 in 2010 to 33 in 2015.

In addition to reported accidents, the city's service department also picked up 36 deer carcasses last year – some of which may have arisen from unreported accidents.

Accidents involving deer can result in injuries, medical expenses, vehicle repair costs and duress for all involved.

Council also recognized that the deer population is causing economic harm to

residents, primarily through damage to private property. Several members of Council have received complaints about these events, but no centralized database currently exists to compile such reports.

Other cities, such as Solon, have online forms for residents to report deer-related damage as well as databases to aggregate those reports into useful information.

Finally, Council acknowledged that the deer population may be negatively affecting biodiversity, natural habitats or ecology within the city. Nearby cities, such as Avon Lake, have assessed the effects of the deer population on their flora and fauna; however, Bay Village has not yet undertaken such an assessment.

Last year, Bay Village authorized Avon Lake to include Walker Road Park,

which is jointly owned by the two cities, in Avon Lake's deer population management program. That program, which was developed in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and implemented in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), reduced the size of the herd in Avon Lake by nearly one-third last winter without harm to people, pets or property.

To address the aforementioned concerns and build upon the experience gained with Avon Lake, Bay Village's new resolution lays out three key milestones:

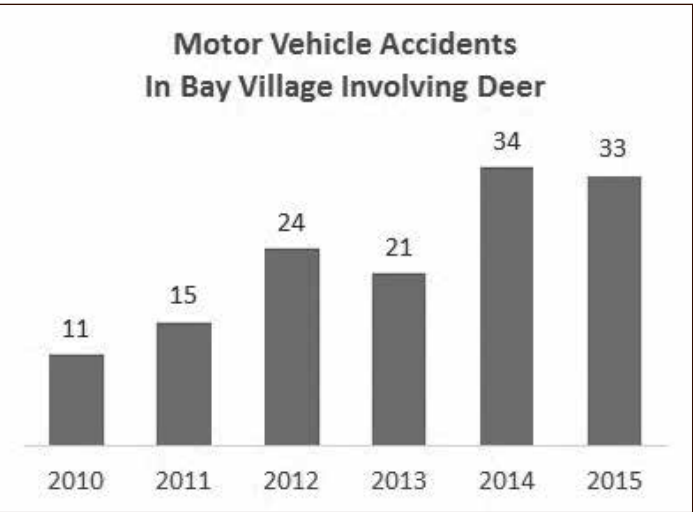
First, the resolution asks Mayor Debbie Sutherland and Director of Public Safety Scott Thomas to begin reporting the number motor vehicle accidents involving deer and the number of deer carcass pick-ups to Council on a monthly basis beginning this September. This will allow Council and the public to more accurately understand the public health and safety risk posed by the deer population and to monitor trends in the future.

Second, the resolution calls for the creation of a form, to be made available online by this October, through which residents may report deer-related damage to private prop-

erty. This will allow residents to formally report damages, permit the city to aggregate the reports into useful information, and provide Council and the public with better insights into the breadth, scale and distribution of these events.

Third, the resolution encourages the City to collaborate with the ODNR to develop a safe and effective "Comprehensive Deer Population Management Plan" and an associated budget. Key elements of the plan and budget are expected to include surveys to document the size of the herd, assessments of the herd's effect on the city's ecology, various deer population management programs, and protocols to monitor the effectiveness of the plan in addressing the stated concerns. The plan and budget are targeted for completion by April 2017.

What does this mean for you as a Bay Village resident? First, inform the police about all accidents involving deer, even if no one is seriously injured, so that accurate statistics can be recorded. Second, report damage caused by deer to your property each time it occurs using the new form (once it becomes available this fall). Finally, as always, contact your City Council representatives to share your questions, concerns and opinions. ●



HISTORY

from front page

Most of the century buildings that have survived are in pretty decent condition. For those that aren't and which are still used residentially, Westlake participates in the Heritage Home Program for owners of older homes. As long as the structure is used residentially (whether owner or rental occupied), and is at least 50 years old, the owner is eligible for technical assistance and low interest loans to make many of the typical improvements necessary on an older home. Help is available at 216-426-3116 or at heritage-homeprogram.org. This program is also available for Bay Village residents.

Currently at least nine century buildings are for sale in Westlake. Several have been featured in this publication before. All nine are listed here by address and include their approximate date of construction with their zoning and current use. If they are located in Single Family Zoning they can only be used

as a residence, with at most an incidental use as a home occupation. If they are located in General Business or Multi-Family zoning it is possible that they can be converted to a limited commercial use with approval of a Conditional Use Permit by Westlake City Council. If you have questions about what any of these buildings could be used for please call my office in the Westlake Planning Department at 440-617-4309.

- 1119 Bassett Road, circa 1873, zoned Exclusive Industrial, Office Use
- 1463 Bradley Rd., c. 1890, zoned Single Family, Single Family Residential Use
- 3956 Bradley Rd., c. 1900, zoned Single Family, Single Family Residential Use
- 27060 Center Ridge Road, c. 1803 or 1830?, zoned General Business, Single Family Residential Use
- 28359 Center Ridge Road, c. 1897, zoned Multi-Family, Single Family Residential Use
- 29819 Center Ridge Road, c. 1865, zoned Multi-Family, Single Family Residential Use
- 27402 Detroit Road, c. 1890,



The Asher Cooley House on Dover Center road, built in 1828, is one of nine century buildings for sale in Westlake.

Zoned General Business

- Guild House, 2650 Dover Center Road, c. 1863, zoned General Business and Office Building, Office Use
- Asher Cooley House, 2871 Dover Center Road, c. 1828, zoned Single-family Residential, Single Family Residential Use. Located nearly across from the Dover Center Road entrance drive to Porter Library and built by one of the first families of Dover Township and listed on the Ohio Historic Inventory, this home has been owned by the Powers family, who have sold vegetables out of the circa 1890 barn for many years. ●

Correction

A photograph of the BAYarts campus printed in the May 17 issue was not properly credited. The photographer is Nick Edmundson of Nick Edmundson Imaging.



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WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Picturesque Clague family homestead is setting for antique show

by LYSA STANTON

The grounds of the Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Road, Westlake, will be the place to be on Sunday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., as the Westlake Historical Society welcomes visitors to the 46th annual Antique, Vintage and Craft Show.

This yearly event is put on by the members of the Westlake Historical Society and is their major fundraiser for the year. Funding from the show helps to support many of the society's activities, archives and youth programs, as well as museum utility costs.

The show will feature over 50 booths to peruse for that perfect gift for someone special or yourself. The Clague House Museum will also be open for free tours.

The vintage 1930s fire engine will be displayed on the lawn, along with the popular Treasure Island sale, plant sale, and silent auction. Various community groups and dog rescues will also be present.

Cold drinks and refreshing food will be available. Parking is free and the show is pet friendly.

Your \$3 admission helps to support the ongoing work of the Westlake Historical Society and the Clague House Museum. ●



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SCHOOLS

from front page

Board President Carol Winter states, "Mr. Hopkins has an excellent reputation as a treasurer. With the great work our treasurer's office has done over the last few years to earn perfect audits from the state, we are confident that he will hit the ground running."

Alexander Fleming most recently served as the principal of Bassett Elementary School and previously as a principal in the Midview Local School district in Lorain County. Mr. Fleming's two year contract begins Aug. 1.

"Mr. Fleming is familiar to the Westlake community and has been an exceptional principal at Bassett. There is no doubt that he will do extremely well in this new role," said Brady Sheets, Director of Human Resources. ●

Project Pedal goes the distance to raise funds

by DIANE FRYE

The third annual Project Pedal held on June 18 raised more than \$37,000 for Village Project. A record turnout of 330 bike riders of all ages enjoyed an absolutely beautiful summer day in Bay Village as they rode in their choice of five routes that wound throughout the city and

surrounding communities.

Executive Director Barb Harrell was grateful, not only for the warm, sunny weather, but also for the support VP received from the community. "Thanks to our 50-plus sponsors, the 50-plus volunteers who helped the event run smoothly, our riders, their fundraising supporters, as well as the Destination Bay Committee,

this year's event was our most successful Project Pedal yet. I hope that those who rode this year will be back again next year. If you didn't have a chance to participate this year, we hope you will join us for the fun in 2017."

Village Project's primary mission is to prepare and deliver delicious, healthy and nourishing meals to local cancer patients and their families. The funds raised by this successful event will be put toward its goal of increasing the number of cooking days per week from two to four. This will enable Village Project to double the number of clients served within Bay Village, Westlake, Avon Lake and Rocky River.

The increase in cooking days will require additional manpower, including a part-time kitchen leader for Mondays and Tuesdays, and volunteer adult cooks, high school student cooks, delivery angels, coordinators and co-craft coordinators. Anyone interested in learning more about these positions can get additional information at ourvillageproject.com. ●



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Project Pedal bike riders give the thumbs-up after completing their tour.



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BAY VILLAGE FOUNDATION

Bay High students add color to Play in Bay

by EILEEN VERNON

Several community members recently saw some examples of signage and graphics that made playgrounds more colorful and pleasing to the eye, and they brought these ideas to the attention of the Bay Village Foundation trustees, who are leading community efforts to refurbish Play in Bay. The Bay Village Foundation president, Al Paulus, contacted Bay High School and was put in touch with Applied Arts teacher, Tom Schemrich.

The Foundation trustees were excited by the prospect of Bay High students, many of whom played at Play in Bay when they were young, creating colorful signage for the renovation project. The Applied Arts students accepted the assignment, came up with the idea of putting colorful fish as signs naming a number of spots in the playground (e.g., Perch Porch, Walleye Walk, etc.) and immediately set to work creating the fish. Al Paulus, along with a few other Foundation trustees and students met with the Cahoon Park Trustees and with their approval added the signs to the playground. Students that worked on the project included: Lucy Aleksandrovic, Savannah Bingaman, Maddie Dieterich, Lauren Galloway, Kaylie Harden, Claire Mohney, Sarah O'Hare and Tallulah Swazey.

"The goal of the class of Applied Arts is to create beautiful objects which serve



Bay High School art students created signs for the Play in Bay playground.



A colorful chalkboard offers space for expression.

a function or have a purpose other than the obvious ones," said Mr. Schemrich. "A chair can be a log to sit upon or it can be a lazy boy, but in either case it needs to accomplish the goal (of a seat) while intentionally making the objects more interesting, beautiful, successful, and turn an ordinary object to one that is memorable and makes an impact on the viewer."

Regarding the project, Al Paulus said, "The students in Mr. Schemrich's class have made a wonderful addition to the playground, including the fish signs



Playful fish signs designate the many play structures at Play in Bay.

are optimistic that we can raise a few thousand dollars more over the next two months. I hope more folks will come forward with a contribution to help us close out the project. Our goal is to have the additional features, composite decking, new chains and other improvements installed this fall."

As part of the project, the Foundation plans to install a "donor wall" to recognize those individuals and organizations who have contributed to the refurbishment effort. Contributions can be mailed to the Bay Village Foundation, P.O. Box 40122, Bay Village, OH 44140. ●

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Life jackets save lives

by ZAK HAMIL

In an effort to help promote safe boating, Sea Scout Ship 41 has partnered with the National Safe Boating Council to give away “Wear It” trailer hitch covers. The idea is two-fold. When the cover is removed it will remind the boaters to wear their life jackets and secondly as other drivers around town see the “Wear It” symbol it will remind them to wear their life jackets when they go on the water.

The Sea Scouts will be handing out the hitch covers on Tuesday evenings at Bay Boat Club, weather permitting, until the supply runs out. All that is asked is the completion of a short email survey at the end of the boating season to determine the effectiveness of the program.

According to Wikipedia, there were about 1.7 million cases of drowning worldwide in 2013. In the United States, it is the second leading cause of death (after motor vehicle crashes) in children 12 and younger. In addition to many non-fatal drowning injuries which can result in long-



Derek Reid and Megan Olson with the “Wear It” trailer hitch covers being sold by the Bay Sea Scouts to promote life-jacket use.

PHOTO BY RICHARD GASH



term disabilities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevent reports that from 2005 to 2014 there were 332 deaths each year from drowning in boating related incidents.

Whether you go sailing, motor boating, kayaking or even paddle boarding you should always have a life jacket. It is one of the most important things you should have with you.

The Sea Scouts are a co-ed youth group who seek adventure on the water whether it is sailing, paddling or motor boating. For more detailed information contact Richard Gash at 440-871-6106. ●

July Herb Guild meeting on bird-friendly gardens

by BARB ARMSTRONG

The June meeting of the Herb Guild Garden Club will take place on Wednesday, July 13, at Westlake Porter Public Library. The guest speaker for this meeting will be Matt Misencik from The Rock Pile in Avon. In addition to the usual variety of plants and mulches that most nursery centers carry, The Rock Pile is also a good source of products for birders. Matt will talk about making your garden bird-friendly and also new plants that are on the market.

His presentation will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Scholarship Luncheon held on Aug. 3 this year are sold out.

The Herb Guild is a local organization and meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. New members and guests are always welcome.

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

WHS Academic Challenge team finishes 3rd in nation



The Westlake High School Academic Challenge team took third place (with a record of 8-1) out of 41 teams from across the country in the recent Question Unlimited's National Academic Championship in Chicago. The team qualified by performing well in earlier tournaments. Team members, pictured from left: Justin Krantz, Anna Craven, Patrick Lee, Ryan Karpuska, Nico DiGiulio and Kyle Yu. (Not pictured: Alex Lathem.)

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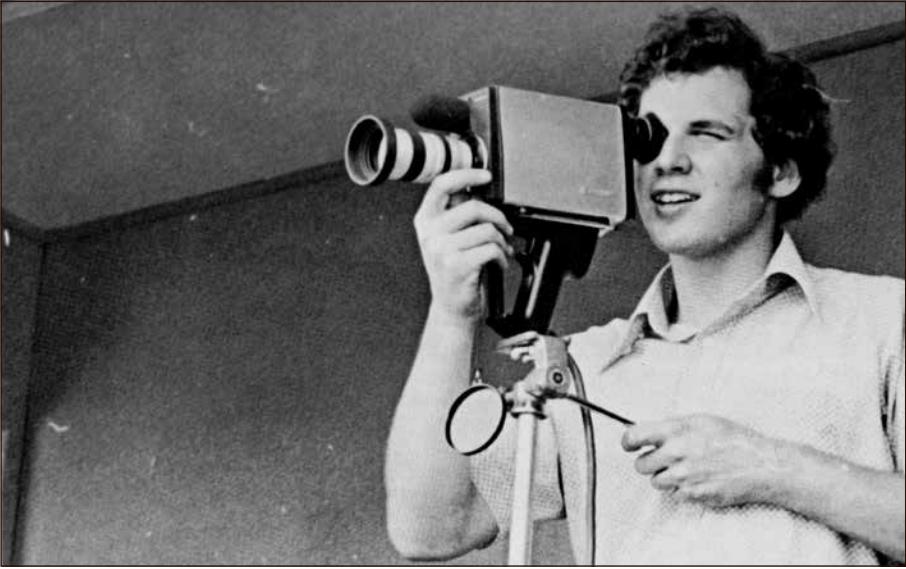
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High school AV recollections



A 1976 Bay Bluebook picture of the author videotaping a 1975 freshman football game from the BHS stadium press box. The camera is a Sanyo VC 500 monochrome unit feeding into a Sanyo VTC 7100 videocassette recording deck (not pictured).

by DAN HIRSCHFELD

As a Bay High student in the 1970s about the only claim of distinction could muster was that of being an AV geek. That, and while I can neither confirm or deny it, the possibility I may have been one of relatively few kids at Bay High at the time who enjoyed occupying their study halls perusing the pages of “Hot Rod Magazine.”

Not surprisingly, then, reading the story in the June 7 issue of the Observer about the new Bay High video studio generated a flood of memories for me.

Much of the school’s earliest instructional video recording and playback equipment had been in use during my stint as a volunteer in Bay High’s AV department. While our gear 40-plus years ago was no doubt quite primitive in comparison with that described in the June 7 story, I still very much remember it.

When I commenced my AV endeavors the department possessed several reel-to-reel, manually threaded video decks. They were monochrome (aka black and white) units employing half-inch-wide video tape carried by open reels and, I believe, employing the EIAJ-1 video format commonly used for such units (thank you, Google). One unit, I recall being made by Sony, could both record and playback tape. We had at least one other deck, possibly two, with one being a Panasonic, capable of playback only.

Matched with a suitably equipped

and connected television monitor, the recording-capable video deck could record programming (educational, of course) from it. We also had a monochrome video camera that could be connected to the deck, finding much use in recording sporting events for coaches to review.

Later, when we were issued a brand new Sony U-matic three-quarter-inch video cassette recording deck, it seemed as though we had made the big time. This device was considerably larger than the consumer-grade VCRs that would follow a number of years later and utilized a broadcast-grade video format that predated Sony’s Betamax. Best of all, even though we still had only a monochrome camera, the U-matic could record and playback in color!

The last new piece of video equipment I had the pleasure of operating before graduating from Bay High was a Sanyo VTC 7100 (thanks again, Google) video cassette deck that incorporated a proprietary video format, could be battery powered and, for its time, was very portable. It was matched with a Sanyo VC 500 camera that could be hand-held as well as tripod mounted. It was, unfortunately, monochrome as well but fun to use.

Of course, back then Bay High’s AV department still provided old-fashioned 16mm movie projectors and ubiquitous slide projectors to teachers on an as-needed basis. But, from that point on, there was obviously no turning back from the video era! ●

READER’S OPINION

Pursuit of Happiness

by KATHLEEN MALONEY

The Fourth of July is a major summer holiday with cookouts, baseball games, swimming, visiting friends and family, and of course fireworks at night. However, what we need to remember and celebrate is the birth of the United States and our declaration of independence from a major power who, our founding fathers believed, was taking away our precious, inalienable rights of “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Thomas Jefferson believed that the colonists had the right to live their lives

without the impediment of an oppressive government. Further, they should be free to pursue a life that would make them feel more than just satisfied or content, but to feel emboldened to follow a calling that utilized their abilities, talents and gifts to make the world a better place.

Hence, as part of our July 4 merriment, we should all take time to encourage those around us to think about how they can use skills and gifts they have been blessed with to improve and enrich the world. And all of us should try to be an example of what true happiness really is, which, as John Kennedy said, quoting the ancient Greeks, “was the full use of your powers along lines of excellence.” I believe that inspiring others to live out that kind of happiness would make this important day in history especially significant! ●

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Upgrade to Windows 10 for the right reasons

by TAK SATO

A trending question in the digital world is whether to upgrade a Windows 7 computer to Windows 10. The upgrade is free until July 29; it jumps to \$119 after that date. Here are some thoughts to help you decide whether to accept or continue to decline the offer to upgrade to Windows 10. (If your computer is not compatible to run Windows 10, you will not be eligible for the upgrade. Microsoft will continue to provide security-related updates for Windows 7 until January of 2020.)

The first thing to keep in mind is to look at this “to upgrade or not to upgrade” question in a holistic context. Just getting the assurance that your computer is compatible to run Windows 10 and that the software is totally free shouldn’t be the only deciding factors. The free upgrade may end up costing you in other ways.

Start asking questions like what kind of peripherals – a printer, for example – do you use and are those still supported under Windows 10? Peripheral devices often need “drivers.” Drivers are middlemen, or more appropriately interpreters, sitting between the peripheral and Windows.

Using the printer as an example, when you tell the word processing software to print, Windows send the print command to the driver who translates command into a language the printer understands. Depending on the vintage of your printer, the printer manufacturer may not develop the necessary driver for the newer version of Windows.

The printer manufacturers are in the business to sell printers. Every new version of Windows may require the printer manufacturer to program newer drivers. Guess what? If they continue writing drivers for newer versions of Windows, they will never sell from their newer product line. At some point, printer manufacturers stop programming newer drivers for older printers. If you have been nursing an old printer through a couple of Windows upgrades already, there is a good chance that the third upgrade sees the old printer not being supported anymore.

Another question to ask might be what kind of software you currently use on your computer. Here again, older versions of the software may not operate properly, exhibit anomalies or just plain do not work. You may not have the opportunity to upgrade your favorite software to a newer version that works under Windows 10 if the company went out of business.

You may also want to consider the learning curve of any new Windows version. Compared to Windows 8 where the learning curve was very steep (or was ridiculous, as some might say), Windows 10 is more a spiritual successor and the user experience is similar to using Windows 7 or Vista.

Finally, although we can’t be sure if Microsoft will not start another campaign to entice users to move to Windows 10, if the incompatibility was due to unsupported peripherals or software, you can always look for replacement alternatives and then upgrade to Windows 10. ●

POETRY

Sir James Paul McCartney’s Musical Life of Fame

by MADELINE NOCK, age 10, in anticipation of her first concert, the Paul McCartney show this August at The Q.

There is a famous Beatle and, no, I don’t mean the bug,
His name is Paul McCartney, and I’d love to give him a hug.
His voice is soft and loud all at once, and it matches his electric guitar,
His music is so fabulous, which makes him a famous rockstar!
The Beatles are my favorite band,
And I still think they were the most talented in the land.
Their songs are so emotional, and some make you want to dance,
When I hear my favorite song I suddenly go into a mystified trance.
There were four in the band, but Paul was the best,
The reason was because he wrote songs better than the rest.
He wrote ballads that were soft, and songs where he would scream,
Every single one of his songs make me feel like I’m living a melodious dream.
He will go down in history because he sings with his heart,
Some of his songs make me want to fall apart.
His left-handed guitar makes a different sound,
Whenever I hear it, I’m suddenly spellbound.
That is why he is my favorite guy,
With a crisp black suit and a long black tie.
Or a colorful blue outfit on Sgt. Pepper’s album cover,
I know all this because I’m a Beatles music lover.

A Fabulous Fourth in Westlake

Photos by Denny Wendell; see more at wbvobserver.com/photoblogs



Samantha Surber sings the national anthem during the patriotic ceremony in Clague Park.



A musician belts out tunes on his trombone during Westlake's parade.



Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough with some tall friends at the Clague Park ceremony.



Classic cars fill the grounds at Clague Park.



Children wait for tossed candy during the parade.



John and Linda Ballrick view the Westlake Fourth of July parade with daughters Katelyn and Julia.



A parade viewer honors the American flag with hand over heart as the color guard passes by.



A young girl waves to Prince Charming and Cinderella.



The Irish American East Side Pipe Band marches down Hilliard Boulevard.

Fun Days at Bay Days

Photos by Denny Wendell; see more at wbvobserver.com/photoblogs



Bay Days 5K runners head down Carlton Drive, where residents line the street with over 200 U.S. flags for July Fourth.



Teenagers are all smiles as they show off the goldfish they won at a carnival game.



Keegan Liller, age 2, held by his mom, Colleen, draws the lucky winner of the Bay Days Fireworks Fund raffle on July 4. The prize of 20 Cavaliers tickets went to Bay Village resident Maryann O'Reilly. The Fireworks Fund Committee (chaired by Eric Eakin, pictured) raised money through the raffle and sponsorships from the Sunnyside Auto Group, WBV Observer and Freedom Boat Club.



Bay Kiwanians Ed Colleran and Brad Larson and Key Club member Kate Dannemiller serve up curly fries to a happy customer.



Having a snack after the July 4 Bike, Trike and Wagon Parade are (l-to-r) Luke Sanders, Kyle Sanders, Evie Distin, Will Lominack and Summer Lominack.



Dancing to the oldies music of the Geeze Cats.



Shooting baskets like a Cavalier.

SPORTING VIEWS

Post-party confession

by JEFF BING

Now that the Cleveland Cavaliers have ended Cleveland's infamous 52-year championship drought (sorry Lake Erie Monsters, you don't count), I think it's time for me to come clean. Sure, I sat (and sometimes stood) there and cheered on the team for the last couple of months, but quite honestly, I never approached the level of excitement I would have had if it been my beloved Indians (and yes, their time is coming soon), the Browns (be patient another decade or so) or even my Cavs teams of the late 1980s/early 90s (Nance, Daugherty, Price, Harper, Hot Rod).

Why? LeBron, of course. I thought he pulled the carpet out from the collective legs of the city when he left for Miami half a decade ago, and I still felt betrayed by James even after he decided to return to Cleveland. The "unfinished business" mantra reeked of arrogance, which I resented. And I still wonder today if he would have opted to come back for a second go-round in the city had we not drafted Kyrie Irving. I mean, unfinished business or not, I seriously couldn't see the "King coming home" if "home" represented mediocrity – and more importantly – no shot at a ring. Odds are the business would still be unfinished, and LeBron would be elsewhere.

To be fair, many opined that LeBron had matured in Miami and was a different person from the one who abandoned ship here the first time through. That was great news, as I wasn't at all on board with the guy who gave up against the Celtics, right before "The Decision," returning to put us through that non-sense again.

Perhaps my biggest problem with LeBron though was his inability to really get "mad" and motivate himself against the opposition when the chips were down. In the first championship series against the Warriors a year ago, I thought Steph Curry got inside James' head, and stayed there, all the way through the first four championship games against the Warriors this year, too.

Then something happened. With the Cavs down in the series 3-1, it appeared LeBron finally said "Enough" and decided to do a number on Curry, culminating in some intimidating defense against the two-time MVP. The clincher, of course, was "the block," when LeBron came out of nowhere (and I really do mean nowhere, folks) to reject a Curry shot. Curry ended up playing like a downtrodden preschooler because now, LeBron was in Curry's head. And, I have to admit, it was awesome to watch.

So, it was then I asked myself, "Just what does this guy have to do to get back in your good graces?"

After watching the way LeBron reacted to winning one for Cleveland – the tears, the fact that he obviously left every iota of energy he had out on the floor – the answer is obvious: Back-to-back championships would be nice (for a start, anyway). Heck, I'm easy. ●

Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

The Bay Village Branch library has some great programs coming up. Join us at one of them or come browse through our books, DVDs, or AV collection. Whether you want to check out some new BBQ recipes, find that great beach read, or need a good family audiobook for a road trip, we can help you find it.

Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Game. It ends Aug. 6, so you still have time to participate. It's a fun way to keep all ages interested in reading over the summer.

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, fingerplays, 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.) PRESCHOOL 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

Wednesday, July 6 (7 p.m.) WONDERFUL WORLD OF BUBBLES – Prepare to be amazed at this spectacular show! You won't believe your eyes as the Bubble Lady herself creates bubbles like you've never seen before!

Wednesday, July 20 (2 p.m.) BUILDING BRICKS @ THE LIBRARY – Grades K-3: Calling all LEGO fans! You bring the imagination and we've got the bricks! We'll work through a few friendly challenges then share our creations. Registration required.

FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

Children's embarrassing words

by RJ JOHNSON

"Mr. Johnson, your car is ready," called the woman across the waiting room at the dealership.

I didn't realize my leg had fallen asleep until I stood up. My knee buckled slightly with every step. Try as I might, I just could not walk normally. I made my way to the service counter, kind of dragging my right leg along, hoping I would not fall flat on my face. I leaned on the desk, unable to concentrate on what the woman was saying they had done to my car. All I could do was wonder if my leg would wake up before I had to take another step.

"What's wrong with that man?" a young girl half-whispered in horror to her mother.

"Be quiet," her mother whispered back, hoping I hadn't heard. "He's probably disabled, kind of like your

uncle."

"Oh, he's like that," she said in the normal tone of a child.

"Shush, you're being rude."

I felt my face heat up, and was certain if there had been a mirror it would be bright red. Now, I wasn't sure if I wanted my leg to wake up. What would they think if I walked out with my normal gait?

After the woman at the desk handed me the key, I turned to leave. The mother instantly looked down. Her daughter waved and smiled. My leg was now in the tingly stages of waking up, so I limped out toward my car.

I felt a little sorry for the mother. If you have a child that can talk, your child has embarrassed you at least once.

When I was a child, my family, along with my grandparents, were at a neighbor's house. A cobweb on the chandelier caught my eye. "Look at the pretty cobweb," I said to my grandmother.

"Be quiet," she said, "You're not supposed to point out things like that."

"But it's pretty," I said.

I meant it. To my six-year-old eyes, the play of the light off the cobweb was quite attractive. I did not understand what I had said

Thursday, July 21 (2 p.m.) COOKIES AND BOOKS – Grades 3-4: Join us to discuss a good book. Copies of the book, "Rescue on the Oregon Trail" by Kate Messner, will be available one month before the discussion.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, July 20 (2 p.m.) DEATH GETS A RED CARD MYSTERY – Who would want to murder the school's star soccer player? Examine the evidence and use your powers of reasoning to help solve the mystery and bring the villain to justice! Registration required. Participants may be recorded and/or surveyed to capture program's effectiveness.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Friday, July 15 (10 a.m.) BAYARTS BOOK DISCUSSION – Join friends, neighbors and library staff for a monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus on the porch of the Fuller House. Copies of this month's book, "The Round House" by Louise Erdrich, will be available at the library and BAYarts one month prior to the discussion.

Wednesday, July 20 (7 p.m.) JUST JAZZ – Smooth jazz and swinging pop sounds of today and yesterday using the live music of horns, drums, piano, bass, guitar and talented male and female vocalists.

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that was offensive. My grandmother, who always tried to be very proper, was mortified. I'm not sure if the neighbors heard me. If they did, they probably felt a little sorry for my grandmother.

My children have done it to me more times than I can remember. We were at a magic show at Porter Library, and the magician was trying to make the point that water is not the only clear liquid. He asked, "Can anyone name a clear liquid other than water?"

The boy raised his hand. When the magician called on him, he said, "Gin." The room erupted in laughter. Fortunately, another child said, "So is vodka."

I'm not sure why we get so embarrassed by some of the things our children say. I don't think many people judge us because our children may not have mastered all of the social niceties that we have. Most of the time, they probably feel a little sorry for us, because they've been there too. ●

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BAYARTS

BAYarts celebrates 10 years of exhibitions

by NANCY HEATON

Since 2006, BAYarts has hosted over 200 exhibitions featuring hundreds of artists from across the region in two galleries: the Sullivan Family Gallery in the Fuller House and the Dianne Boldman Education Gallery in the John Huntington House.

Under the discerning eyes of BAYarts directors and countless guest curators, the Sullivan Gallery has gained a reputation as a world-class showcase for professional, collaborative and experimental exhibits. The Boldman Gallery, named for the beloved watercolor instructor, highlights emerging artists as well as BAYarts faculty and students. Because of the diversity of the talent and topics showcased in these exhibits, opening nights are always a unique mix of visitors from across northeast Ohio.



BAYarts will celebrate 10 years by with a showcase in the Sullivan Gallery of 10 artists who represent the diversity of BAYarts gallery exhibitions including Douglas Max Utter, Liz Maugans, Edward Beyer, Judy Takacs, George Kocar, Marsha Sweet, John W. Carlson, Mary Deutschman, Jeff Yost and Judith Brandon. Many of the artists have been on the BAYarts faculty or facilitated workshops. All continue to be contributing members of BAYarts' artistic community.

Opening in the Boldman Gallery will be "Sarah Sedwick: The Color of Light," paintings that celebrate the simple beauty of the everyday.

Both opening receptions are Friday, July 8, 7-9 p.m., with music by Back Bay featuring local musicians Chris Pritchard and David Speaker. The exhibits will be up until Aug. 6. For detailed information, visit bayarts.net.

Ikenobo Ikebana floral art on display at Porter Library

by BARBARA GEISINGER

The Ikenobo Ikebana Society, Cleveland Chapter, is presenting an exhibit at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, on Friday and Saturday, July 15-16. The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours. It will be located in the Porter meeting room.

The Cleveland chapter of this Japanese floral art society was established in 1982 with Dorothy Kansaki as president. This exhibit is our way to honor our founder, Mrs. Kansaki, and to celebrate our 34th anniversary. We welcome anyone interested in learning the oldest School of Ikebana (522 years) to join our society. Since Mrs. Kansaki's passing, Linda Kay Johnson has been president. Classes are taught at Linda's home in Westlake, generally the third Saturday of each month, March through December. A two-day workshop is scheduled once a year with an Ikenobo professor from Kyoto, Japan.

For an explanation of Ikenobo, here are excerpts from "Ikenobo Origin of Ikebana," Ikenobo Ikebana Society, headquartered Nakakyo, Kyoto, Japan.

"The history of Ikenobo is the history of Ikebana. Ikenobo's history encompasses both the traditional and the modern, the two continually interacting to encourage new development in today's Ikebana. People in every era have loved flowers, but our predecessors in Ikebana felt that flowers were not only beautiful but that they could reflect the passing of time and the feelings in their own hearts.

"Rather than simply re-create the shape a plant has in nature, we create with branches, leaves, and flowers a new form which holds our impression of a plant's beauty as well as the mark of our own spirit. Ikebana should also suggest the forces of nature with which plants live in harmony – branches bent by winter winds ... a leaf half-eaten by insects. Like a poem or painting made with flowers, Ikenobo's Ikebana expresses both the beauty of flowers and the beauty of longing in our own hearts.

"Ikenobo's spirit has spread not only in Japan but throughout the world. It is our deepest hope that the beauty of Ikenobo will increasingly serve as a way of drawing the world's people together."



Japanese floral art will be on display at Porter Library July 15-16.

PHOTO BY BARBARA GEISINGER

Finding Shark Teeth

by EVELYN RAY, (soon to be) fifth-grader at Bay Middle School

I know you've heard of seashell collecting, but my family collects something entirely different! This year, instead of bags with pretty shells, our bags have black triangles. What are these mysterious things you might ask? Well, they're shark teeth!

We find shark teeth that are actually fossils, thousands of years old! We look in the sand and find black triangles (sometimes they are white or yellow too). I like to look for the unmistakable curve where the gum would be or the small (or big) dip in the back. You can also try to break the tooth and if it breaks then it isn't a shark tooth, but if it doesn't then there's a chance it's a shark tooth!

Just to warn you, shark teeth aren't easy to find! Sometimes you might find that the particular day you look is a good day for shark teething (my family's term for looking for shark teeth), and you find many shark teeth. Maybe you'll find them big, sometimes they're small, but just remember no matter if it's shark teeth or shells there's always something to find on the beach!



A sampling of shark teeth from the Ray family's collection.

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SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE HISTORY

Bott's service station on the corner of Wolf and Dover Center

by KAY LAUGHLIN

Honk, honk! Out of the way! In the early 1900s, the farmers in the Village of Bay were buying new cars and learning how to drive. Ernie Wuebker, who moved to Bay in 1898 at age 14, offers up a couple of funny stories in "Bay Village: A Way of Life" about two men on Bradley Road who were shown how to drive by the auto salesman. One man turned too hard into his driveway during his test drive with the salesman, and drove through his raspberry patch. That was his last time behind the wheel.

Ernie recalled another man's experience: "As they neared the culvert on Bradley Road, south of the Nickel Plate track, [the salesman] cautioned [the driver] to be careful not to hit the balustrade of the bridge, which wasn't too far from the road. But in his excitement, he turned the wheel the wrong direction and drove into the creek. The same man, after he did acquire the art of driving, was still not too safe a driver. In going to church a few weeks later, he got up to Detroit Road and bumped into a motorcycle. The cyclist was knocked off, but the machine was not damaged. The cyclist got back on the motorcycle this time behind the auto, and the man got back in his car. Before the motorcyclist could get out of the way, the man started the auto – he had it in reverse – and ran over the motorcycle."

Once cars became the navigation of choice, the need for gas pumps and a service station became a reality in the suburbs. Some residents in the Village of

Bay saw this as an opportunity. Around 1914, the Blaha family purchased land north of the grocery store they operated on Dover Center Road. In the early 1920s, the Blahas built a wooden service station there with a pump in front. Across



Ernie Olchon, left, owned the station after WWII. He named it Ernie Olchon's Bay Service and owned the building until the 1970s.

the street, the Bott family, Don and Harvey, owned a Chrysler dealership with two gas pumps where Malley's is today.

Harvey Bott, wanting a more convenient place for his gas pumps, searched for a good location to build a service station with room for gas pumps. He found Lou Sholl's berry patch down the road on the west side of Dover Center, north of their dealership. New Wolf Road would travel right by the new service station on the corner of Wolf and Dover Center roads. Harvey built a small two-story brick building for this purpose.

The station became a Sinclair gas station, and had one of the first electric pumps with a clock-style dial that went up to



Bott's Service Station on the corner of Wolf and Dover Center Roads. Notice Lou Sholl's farmhouse in the background along Cahoon Creek.



Ernie Olchon's Bay Service Station.

10 gallons. At the time, gas cost 20 cents a gallon. Harvey had a bedroom on the second floor. The brick building still stands today.

Two garage bays were added to the west side of the building in the 1940s. The station was full service. Harvey built an office building on the west end of his property facing Wolf Road and rented it to the Columbia Gas Company. Today, his building abuts the east end of the Bay Village Square shopping center, built in 1949.

The next owner was Ernie Olchon, a WWII veteran. He named the station Ernie Olchon's Bay Service and owned the business through the early



Rick Burns is the present owner of the service station on the corner of Wolf and Dover Center roads.

1970s. Ernie was known by all in the village. Bay High School boys had jobs at the station, pumping gas for his many customers. When Ernie ran the station, the sign above the pumps read Pure Oil.

Next came Corman Landers, who owned the station for many years. At this time it was a Union 76 station. Rich Burns then bought the corner and

eventually stopped pumping gas. The Burns family had the pumps removed. Rich's son, Rick, now owns the station which is known as Burns Auto Service, where he works on automobiles and trucks.

Today the building has been in business for 81 years. Harvey Bott was right, it was a great place to have a business in a great neighborhood. ●

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THE GREEN REPORT

What is your ecological footprint?

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

The definition of “ecological footprint” is the impact of a person or community on the environment, expressed as the amount of land required to sustain their use of natural resources. Resources are consumed and waste is created during all of the activities in which humans engage.

It is important to measure our impact on the natural environment in order to calculate how long the earth can meet these demands. The ecological footprint is a measure of the supply and demand humans put on nature; how fast resources are consumed and how quickly waste is generated.

Since 1970, humans have placed demands on the earth that earth cannot keep up with. Currently, it takes about a year and a half for the earth to regenerate what is used in one year. It is estimated that if every human on earth lived like an average American, we would need five earths to meet those demands!

What can you do to reduce your ecological footprint? There are plenty of easy things you can incorporate into your daily life! First, think about your transportation. Consider walking, biking or public transportation when possible. If you do this, it is estimated that you will reduce your ecological footprint by as much as 20 percent. Another idea is to carpool when you can to reduce

people driving back and forth to the same places.

You can also make small changes in your home. Choosing Energy Star appliances, CFL bulbs, purchasing furniture that is second-hand, and using biodegradable, non-toxic cleaners are all simple steps you can take that reduce your ecological footprint. Keeping your thermostat lower in the winter and higher in the summer also helps (and it helps your bills too!). Also, be sure to turn off all lights when you are not in the room, and unplug electronics when not in use (like computers, TV, phone chargers, etc.).

In addition, your food purchases make a difference. Summer is a great time to purchase local produce. If you purchase produce from local growers, it helps reduce your footprint because that food did not have to be shipped in from California, Mexico or South America. Consider visiting the farmer's market on Thursday evenings from 5-8 p.m. at BAYarts or at Crocker Park on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Heinen's grocery stores also carry plenty of local produce right now. Furthermore, when at the grocery store, choose food that comes in less packaging to reduce waste.

It is also a good idea to incorporate water-saving habits into your life as well. Easy ways to do this are to take shorter showers, run the dishwasher and washing machine only when full, and to take your car to a car wash rather than washing it at home. Commercial car washes use less water than you would use at home. Installing a rain barrel to water your plants and garden also saves water!

There are a lot of easy ways you can lower your ecological footprint, and I hope you are able to incorporate some of these ideas today. ●

Safe boating program graduates 36 students

by GEORGE CHRIST

The Bay Village Safe Boating class ended on June 27 with the final class of the summer being held at Whiskey Island Marina on Lake Erie. Thirty-six middle school students completed the class and were awarded certificates for their success in completing the Ohio Boating Education Course in May and three Mondays on the water during June.

Ohio Law requires any person born after Jan. 1, 1982, to complete a boating education course in order to operate a power boat with a motor of more than 10 horsepower. Students spent 35 hours learning how to boat safely and have fun on the water. The course follows the curriculum of the Spirit of America Foundation which is a national youth boating education program. Students were required to take the Ohio Boating Education Class (OBEC) and pass the exam.

On June 4 students were involved in a drowning prevention class at the Bay Village Community Pool. They had to pass a swim test and learn to use their

lifejackets, which were given to each student to keep. They also learned rescue techniques, how to reenter kayaks and how to upright an overturned sailboat.

In the on-the-water classes students spent at least 5 hours in each type of vessel learning to operate motor boats, sailboats, canoes, kayaks and paddle boards guided by adult volunteers. In



Students learn how a crew operates a U.S. Coast Guard ship.

addition students operated personal watercraft or jet skis and spent time on the U.S. Coast Guard's 45-foot search and rescue vessel learning about GPS, radar, and some actually took the helm of the ship in the Cleveland harbor.

This program is administrated by the Bay Village Schools and supported by a Boating Education Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The course has educated over 400 students during the past 17 years. For additional information, visit spiritofamerica95.org. ●

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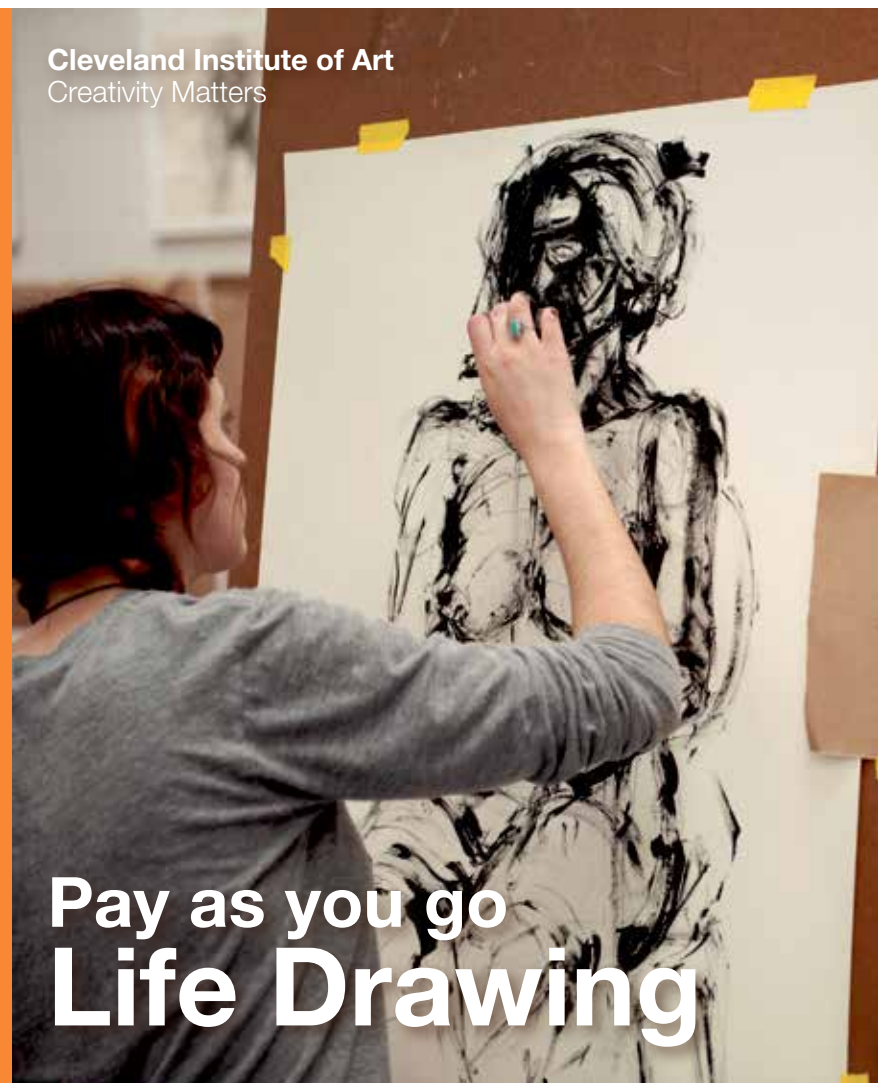
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Aug. 8 is date for annual West Shore Chamber golf outing

by TAMMY BERTRAND

The West Shore and Fairview Park chambers of commerce are joining forces once again to hold their annual charity golf outing to benefit the scholarship fund.

Proceeds from this golf scramble, held at the Avon Oaks Country Club, provides a college scholarship each school year to a deserving student from Westlake High School, Bay High and Fairview High.

BMW of Westlake will be spon-

soring the Hole in One competition again this year so anyone lucky enough to get a hole in one will drive home in a brand new BMW. During the 20-plus years this outing has been played, more than \$90,000 has been awarded to students from these local high schools.

If you would like more information on participating in this charity event please contact the West Shore Chamber of Commerce at 440-835-8787. The cost per golfer is \$150 which includes golf, a cart, breakfast, lunch and dinner. ●



Golfers line up at the start of last year's West Shore/Fairview Park Chamber golf outing. This year's event takes place on Aug. 8.

PHOTO BY TAMMY BERTRAND

Westlake 12U team wins fourth state title



Front row (l-to-r): Billy Adams, Micah Murtha, Macklin Miller, Tommy Harrison, Ryan Smith. Back row (l-to-r): coach Tyler Bires, Peter Levin, Ashton Montgomery, Andrew Gormley, Luke Roggenburk, Joey Pfaff, Michael Van Etten, coach John Hamilton.

by CATHY PFAFF

The 12U Force Ohio baseball team from Westlake has won their fourth consecutive Nations State Championship Title. This team has won the Nations State Championship every year since 2013, and this year defeated their opponents by a margin of 36-6 in their march to the title.

The 12U Nations State Tournament took place June 16-19 in Canton, and drew teams from all over the state. Force Ohio defeated the Grizzlies Baseball Club (Cincinnati) 9-0, the Muskingum County Muck Dogs (Nashport) 12-4, Ohio Glaciers McCleery (Canfield) 4-2, and Northern Ohio Baseball Club/Premiere Athletics (Strongsville) 11-0. ●

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Letter Carriers Band visits Bay Village

by CANDY SANSON



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On Thursday evening, June 23, O'Neill Healthcare Bay Village hosted the Letter Carriers Band. The group is, as the name suggests, entirely comprised of United States Postal Service letter carriers. Their big band sound was a big hit with all who attended. O'Neill Healthcare Bay Village also hosts the M2B2 Jazz band twice monthly on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the main dining room. This band plays frequently at The Brothers Lounge and other venues locally. These events are open to the public so if you want to hear some great music please join us. ●

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Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, July 6 and 13 (10:15 & 11 a.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE! – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket.

Wednesday, July 6 (2-5 p.m.) SUPER SMASH BROS TOURNAMENT – We’re going head-to-head in an epic brawl! Test out your skills in Super Smash Bros for Wii U to see who will claim the top spot and the ultimate prize! FREE pizza, snacks, and drinks will be served! Grades 6-12. Please register.

Wednesdays, July 6 and 13 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, July 7 and 14 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS – Stop by the Youth Services Department and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and each Thursday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 6 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) HORROR FILM CLUB – Join us as we explore some of the classic films from the genres of horror, science fiction and suspense. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

Thursdays, July 7 and 14 (2-4 p.m.) TEEN CRAFTS – Drop in for a new creation each week! July 7: Zentangle Keychains and Coasters; July 14: Duct Tape Picture Frames. All supplies provided.

Friday, July 8 (10 a.m.-noon) JUNIOR VIDEO GAME CREATION – Get started making your own video games with Scratch, free software from MIT that you can use at home after the class ends. Bring your flash drive to save your game. Ages 8-10. Please register.

Friday, July 8 (2-4 p.m.) LEGO MINDSTORM EV3 – Teams will use STEM and 21st century skills to build on sensors and program LEGO Mindstorm EV3 robots to master challenges torn from the pages of popular stories. Grades 7-9. Please register.

Fridays, July 8 and 15 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY – Join us

for movie matinees for all ages. Registration begins one week before each session. See movie descriptions at westlakelibrary.org.

Friday, July 8 (4-5:30 p.m.) WEIRD(ER) SCIENCE: LITTLEBITS BUBBLEBOT – Designed to teach fundamental principles in an entertaining format, through demonstrations and activities. This month we’ll use Little-Bits to create a Bubblebot! Grades 5-6. Please register.

Saturday, July 9 (1-3:30 p.m.) DOCTOR WHO COMICS DAY – Join your fellow Whovians as we celebrate Doctor Who Comics Day with some trivia, crafts and other wibbly wobbly timey wimey ... stuff! Please register.

Saturday, July 9 (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!

Saturday, July 9 (3-5 p.m.) MAD 4 MANGA – Each month we watch a different Anime series and talk about our favorite Manga. Sometimes we even throw in some crafts, trivia or Japanese treats! Grades 7-12.

Monday, July 11 (6:30-7:15 p.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME – Features an adapted storytime for children with special needs and their caregivers. Siblings welcome. Includes time for social play. Content is geared to ages 3-7. Registration begins one week before each session.

Monday, July 11 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKER MONDAY: DESIGN 3-D-PRINTABLE OBJECTS – Learn how to create objects on the computer that you can later 3D print. Open to all ages. Please register.

Tuesday, July 12 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: APPLICATIONS THAT GET NOTICED – Learn how to tackle questions on an application to be sure yours will be read by both human and computer scanners.

Tuesday, July 12 (1-1:30 p.m.) YOGA RHYME TIME! – A perfect way to introduce yoga and practice simple poses with rhymes that imitate animals and nature. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Ages 3-1/2

to 5 years.

Tuesdays, July 12 and 19 (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.

Tuesdays, July 12 and 19 (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, July 12 (7-7:30 p.m.) BED-TIME STORIES: A FIREFLY NIGHT – Put on your pajamas and join Mrs. K as we unwind at the end of the day. We’ll count some sheep and unwind with quiet stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities to help us get ready for bedtime. Ages 4-6. Siblings welcome.

Tuesday, July 12 (7-8:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS COFFEE & CHAT – Parent support group for families who have a question or concern about their child’s development. Please see connectingforkids.org for the article to be discussed.

Tuesday, July 12 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – In July we’ll discuss “Dead Wake” by Erik Larson.

Wednesday, July 13 (noon-1:30 p.m.) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: SPEAKER SERIES LUNCH & LEARN – 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: “The Value of Glass-door.”

Thursday, July 14 (2-3 p.m.) OPENING ACT – Show off your creative, dramatic side in this 4-session program filled with all things theatrical. Sessions include voice control, improvisation, staging and costuming. Attend all or some sessions. Registration begins one week before each session.

Thursday, July 14 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – The July selection is “Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, and the Search for a Legendary Pirate Ship” by Robert Kurson.

Friday, July 15 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) SENSATION STATIONS – Engage your child’s senses by scooping, pouring and sorting a variety of materials. Specifi-

cally for children with special needs.

Friday, July 15 (3-3:45 p.m. OR 4-4:45 p.m.) FUN SCIENCE FRIDAY: A TRIP TO THE BEACH – Join Mrs. K as we explore the wonders of the world. Our beach adventure will begin in a tidal pool as we look closely at sand and shells. Discoveries will be made through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home project. Ages 4-6. Registration begins July 8.

Saturday, July 16 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) FUN IN THE WILD WEST! – Children of all ages are invited to join us for Fun in the Wild West! Feel free to wear your western gear as we celebrate the Wild West with fun crafts and activities!

Saturday, July 16 (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, July 16 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS – Bring your ideas and imagination to the club! Ages 3-12. Lego and Duplo bricks provided.

Sunday, July 17 (3-4 p.m.) ART SMARTS – Explore some works of a well-known artist and then use what you’ve seen to create an art piece of your own! Grades 3-5. Registration begins one week before each session.

Monday, July 18 (noon-7 p.m.) STEAM POP-UP MUSEUM! – Kick off STEAM Week with hands-on exhibits featuring arch building, programming a robot and more! Limit of 6 free tickets per adult, available beginning July 11 in the Youth Services Department.

Tuesday, July 19 (1-2:30 p.m.) MAKEY MAKEY – All ages can have fun with the Makey Makey, a device that can turn anything conductive into a keyboard! Make a “banana piano” or a human drum set. The possibilities are endless! Be sure to register in advance, as there are only 12 computers.

Tuesday, July 19 (7-7:45 p.m.) JIM KLEEFELD’S SPORTS & FITNESS MAGIC – Come and see Jim perform magic with soccer balls, jump ropes, sports collector cards, Olympic events, and lots more! Ages 4+. Free tickets available at the Youth Services Desk beginning July 12.

To register for any of the programs, visit westlakelibrary.evanced.info or call 440-871-2600. ●

Do you qualify for membership in a lineage society?

by JAYNE BROESTL

Can you trace your direct line of ancestors back to one of the Mayflower Pilgrims? If so, you qualify to join the Mayflower Society. Perhaps you cannot do that, but there are many other lineage societies for which you may be eligible to join. Some examples are those societies honoring our nation’s early colonists, founders or patriots of the American Revolution. Others recognize contributions made by religious or

ethnic groups.

Contrary to what some may think, you nor your ancestors need to be rich or famous for you to join a lineage society. But you do need to produce vital records or documentation when completing an application.

Margaret Cheney, president of the Ohio Genealogical Society, has been at the forefront of helping various OGS chapters streamline their application forms for First Families of Ohio’s counties and other local lineage groups. She also

serves as Lineage Chair for First Families of Lorain County and is responsible for establishing OGS’s fifth lineage society, the Society of Families of the Old Northwest Territory.

If learning more about lineage societies interests you, Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS, invites you to attend their next meeting on Wednesday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Margaret Cheney will discuss the basic information, documentation and organization

needed to successfully complete an application to any Lineage Society.

Cuyahoga West members who are also members of various lineage societies, including the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will be on hand to answer questions specific to those groups. Members and visitors are encouraged to wear their lineage society pins to the meeting. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. For additional questions, email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Post your group’s free community events online at wbvobserver.com

Thursday, July 7, 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

Fridays, July 8 and 15, 2-3 p.m.

Creative Connections

Free weekly arts enrichment session to engage individuals affected by dementia along with their care partner (spouse, child, caregiver). Each session provides hands-on experiences in visual arts, music, and storytelling. Must preregister by calling 440-414-0434. Learn more at farrellfoundation.org. 26040 Detroit Rd., #3, Westlake

Friday, July 8, 7-9 p.m.

BAYarts Concert: Back Bay

Original acoustic-rock and classic covers. BAYarts concert series is free and open to the public. We suggest you bring blankets/chairs! BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village

Sunday, July 10, 3-4 p.m.

Backyard Wonders: Ohio’s “Herps”

Discover more about Ohio’s native reptiles and amphibians from Norm Damm, an active member of Northeast Ohio’s Herpetology Association since its inception. For adults and

youth ages 10+. Fee: \$7/person.

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

Sunday, July 10, 6:30-8 p.m.

Westlake Summer Concert Series

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a variety of music. Tonight: JD Eicher & The Goodnights (pop/rock). Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Sunday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Bay Village Community Concert

Enjoy a patriotic performance in the park. Bring blanket or lawn chairs. Free. Cahoon Park Gazebo, Bay Village

Tuesday, July 12 and 19, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Tuesday Morning Talkers

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, Second Floor, 29931 Lake Rd.

Tuesday, July 12, 10:30-noon

Managing and Preventing Diabetes: Food Addictions

Katie Dent of the Emily Project will help you

understand food addictions so you can “make peace” with food. The Emily Project is a therapy program dedicated to helping people of all ages with eating disorders and food addictions. This will be a very insightful program. Sponsored by UH/St. John Medical Center. RSVP to 440-899-3544 by July 8. Free.

Westlake Community Services Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

Tuesday, July 12, 3:30-5 p.m.

Forget-Me-Not Cafe

Free bi-monthly arts enrichment and socialization cafe to engage individuals affected by dementia along with their care partner (spouse, child, caregiver). Each session will include either music, poetry, song or TimeSlips storytelling. Must preregister by calling 440-414-0434. 26040 Detroit Rd., #3, Westlake

Thursday, July 14, 8-10 p.m.

BAYarts Outdoor Movie

The movie, “Play It Again, Sam,” starts at dark. Grab a date or pals for a night under the stars. Savory light bites and libations available. BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village

Thursday, July 14, 8:30 p.m.

SkyQuest: From Earth to the Universe

Learn about the journey of celestial discovery, from the theories of the ancient Greek astronomers to modern telescopes, in this full dome show. Discussion will follow. For pre-teens

through adults. Fee: \$5/person.

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

Sunday, July 17, 6:30-8 p.m.

Westlake Summer Concert Series

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a variety of music. Tonight: Colin Dussault Blues Project (blues/rock). Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Sunday, July 17, 7-9 p.m.

BAYarts Concert and Movie

Portersharks will provide stimulating traditional Irish music, followed by the film, “Waking Ned Devine.” Free and open to the public. Bring blankets/chairs. BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

Monday, July 18, 7-8 p.m.

Exercise Classes for Those Touched by Cancer

Open to individuals in treatment or coping with side effects of cancer treatment. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546 or visit touchedbycancer.org. Free. The Gathering Place, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Tuesday, July 19, 3:30-5 p.m.

Cardmaking Workshop

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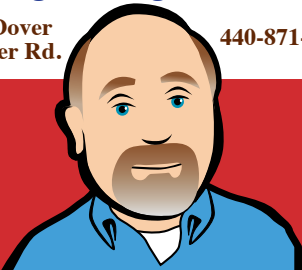
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