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Quite a find



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Barb McGraw of Rocky River examines an unique collectible at the annual Antique, Vintage & Craft Show fundraiser for the Westlake Historical Society held at Clague Museum on July 17.

Lost Safety, Lost Home, Lost Dignity

Lecturer to present the plight of the refugee

by JOYCE ABLE SCHROTH

Ahh, home. Dorothy said “There’s no place like home” in “The Wizard of Oz,” “Home Sweet Home” was a cross-stitch boon in the ‘80s and the dictionary defines home as “the place where one lives permanently.”

And then there are the refugees who have no home. They were forced to leave their home country out of fear of persecution, armed conflict and violations of human rights. They didn’t leave their home because they chose to – they fled for their lives. Most left their homes with the clothes on their backs and few, if any, possessions. They may have originally thought it would be a short time until things returned to normal but then they recognized they cannot return home because of continued conflict and wars. The refugee stories are ones of desperation with all seeking safety, freedom and the chance to reclaim futures for themselves and their families.

On Sunday, July 24, a special program will be presented on the plight of the refugee at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 25000 Westwood Road, Westlake. Beginning at 6 p.m., Mr. Alassane Fall, volunteer coordinator and community outreach specialist at the International Services Center Cleveland will present a one-hour program that will inform and inspire. The ISC is 100 years old this year and has settled over 14,000 refugees into various neighborhoods of Greater Cleveland in that time.



PHOTO COURTESY KRIS LURZ

Alassane Fall from the International Services Center Cleveland will present a program on refugees July 24 in Westlake.

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THE GREEN REPORT

Bay Village has highest recycling rate in the county

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

Every year, the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District publishes a report to show how recycling efforts by community are adding up. In the just-released report for 2015, Bay Village was at the top of the list for the first time, with a 73.57 percent total recycling rate. This was up from 68.2 percent in 2014.

The Solid Waste District compiles its figures every year using data reported from each city on the tonnage collected through the community’s waste collection, curbside recycling, and yard waste collection programs. The recycling rate signifies the percentage of waste that a city diverts from the landfill by recycling and composting.

This is great news, and shows that Bay Village is doing a fantastic job keeping waste out of the landfill! Westlake readers, please take note: Westlake’s total recycling rate was 35.81 percent in 2015, down slightly from the previous year’s 36.27 percent. I challenge you to improve your number! I would love for Westlake to beat Bay Village someday. Bay Villagers, keep up the great work!

So why is the recycling rate important? Recycling conserves natural resources and also supports local recycling-based businesses. Recycling keeps waste out of the landfill which in turn helps to reduce harmful chemicals and greenhouses gases from being released into the environment. For example, when a plastic bottle is thrown into the trash and ends up in the landfill, as it sits in the landfill for hundreds of years, it will release harmful chemicals into the air. If it’s recycled, that does not happen.



Recycling and trash containers line a Bay Village street, ready for pick up.

What is recycling? Recycling involves reusing used materials that are labeled as recyclable for a new purpose.

A recyclable product is turned back into raw form that is used to create different products. Glass can be recycled endlessly without any loss in purity or quality. For example, the glass pickle jar you placed in the recycle bin may have been recycled over 100 times already and you’d never know!

Aluminum cans are the most sustainable beverage package and are infinitely recyclable. The average can contains 70 percent recycled metal. On average, a recycled aluminum can becomes a new can in less than 60 days. Nearly three-quarters of all aluminum produced in the U.S. is still in use today! Glass and aluminum are very eco-friendly: manufacturers use 30 percent less energy when they switch to reclaimed glass and 95 percent less when using recycled aluminum, all without sacrificing any quality.

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Bay Village Board of Education approves levy request

by KAREN DERBY

The Bay Village Board of Education has voted unanimously to put a 5.9 mill operating levy on the Nov. 8 election ballot. The request reflects careful fiscal management that stretched a 2010 levy two years beyond its original four-year projection.

Homeowners would see a tax increase of approximately \$17.21 per month (about \$207 annually) for each

\$100,000 of home valuation if the levy passes. It would generate an estimated \$3.1 million in additional revenue annually for the school district.

The 5.9 mill levy is to cover increasing costs for utilities, supplies, salaries, transportation, etc. The millage level also reflects the addition of increased instructional technology support and foreign language instruction starting at the elementary school level.

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LEVY *from front page*

“We were able to make our 2010 levy stretch to six years through conservative management practices,” said Superintendent Clint Keener. “Lead time built into any levy cycle requires we ask for an increase well before we get far into spending down our reserve fund. We are at that time now. If the levy doesn’t pass this year, we’d have to come back with a higher millage request next year to maintain the same program. If we took it even closer to the end of our reserve fund, we’d be looking at some serious reductions.”

Board president Amy Huntley said the board looked at several levels of requested millage. “We’ve kept this request as low as we can while still protecting our educational program,” she said. “We hope to make this increase last at least four years. We certainly don’t want to come back to our community sooner than that. And we won’t ask for more than we really need to run our district effectively for a reasonable amount of time.”

Board members acknowledge that it is difficult to ask taxpayers for additional dollars, but hope residents will understand that the Bay Village district already falls far below the average in spending per student for school districts in Cuyahoga County, ranking 23rd out of 31 districts in

spending. It spends \$1,985 less per student than the county average. Teacher salaries average 14th out of the 31 districts in the county, and administrator salaries are also about average. While Bay Village has a residential tax rate (as a percentage of market value) among the highest in the county (34th out of 80 taxing districts), it is likely because the city is more than 95 percent residential. The distribution of property taxes in Bay Village is: schools, 57.8%; city, 16.54%; county, 15.4%; Cuyahoga Community College, 4.38%; Metroparks, 3.01%; library, 2.74%; Port Authority, 0.13%.

“The timing of these levy requests is important,” said Huntley. “Residents should know that we can keep the dollar amount to this level in November only because we would begin to collect the increased revenue in January. However,” she added, “if we don’t pass this request in 2016, we’d need to ask for more, possibly 8-8.5 mills in 2017, in order to maintain our current program. We’d lose an entire year of the increased collections and wouldn’t receive the additional revenue until 2018.”

Treasurer Kevin Robertson said the operating levy is expected to last the district another four years as long as funding levels from the State of Ohio remain stable. “The state funding we receive has been relatively stable in recent years, but that can always change,” he said. “We are

considered by the state to be an affluent community, and we are expected to fund most of our educational needs locally. Still, we receive about \$4.8 million, or around 16 percent, of our operating budget from the state each year. Any future state funding cuts would certainly cause a problem for us.”

The district is preparing detailed information about the levy that will be sent to Bay Village residents. “Our community members expect to be fully informed about how we spend our dollars and what kind of results we get for those dollars,” said Huntley. “We know there are lots of specific questions out there, and we will give ample opportunity for people to get their questions answered.” She said that a schedule of public meetings would be announced.

“Our residents have shown that when they have adequate information about how we manage the resources they provide us and how we are performing in terms of student achievement, they will support us,” said Keener. “We walk a tight line with these low levels of spending relative to other districts,” he said. “Should we fail to pass a levy this year or next, we would need to quickly reduce our budget in ways that would affect our educational program significantly. It’s a fast slide downhill when levies fail, and it’s tough to rebuild programming you’ve lost.” ●

REFUGEES *from front page*

Mr. Fall is a popular lecturer, has presented programs in colleges and societies throughout the United States and is published in various periodicals from Senegal to Canada, France, West Africa and more. He has been involved with the United Nations-Geneva, the Foreign Ministry of Senegal, the American Red Cross (NEO), the International Institute of Humanitarian Law-Italy and others.

Mr. Fall responded to a request by a member of the local JustServe committee to provide volunteer opportunities on a website for those who would like to assist refugees in their integration into American society. Many

service projects are available on the website, justserve.org, including mentoring, teaching English, assisting in home settlement, clothing and other necessary need drives.

Refugee settlement is reserved for some of the most vulnerable people in the entire world. The International Services Center offers critical resources that assist the refugees to successfully transition to life in the Greater Cleveland area and helps restore their safety and dignity. Volunteers at ISC would agree with Angelina Jolie: “Refugees have done more for my heart and my spirit than I can ever express in words.” ●

Learn about Tri-C’s ESL program at open house in Westlake

by JOHN HORTON

Cuyahoga Community College will host an Open house for its English as a Second Language (ESL) program from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, at Corporate College West.

The ESL program serves students whose first language is not English. Participants include students on temporary visas, immigrants from all over the world and native-born U.S. citizens whose first language is not English. Tri-C runs the largest college-credited ESL program in Ohio, with

classes available weekdays and evenings.

The open house provides prospective students with an opportunity to meet with faculty and alumni while learning about enrollment, financial aid, tutoring services and available scholarships.

Register for the open house at www.tri-c.edu/ESLOpen. Corporate College West is located at 25425 Center Ridge Road in Westlake. For more information on the open house or ESL program, call 216-987-5819. ●

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DAR sets Guinness World Record for patriotism

by DEB MARISCH

Members of Bay Village's Martha Devotion Huntington chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution participated as the National Society DAR set an official Guinness World Record title in patriotism for "Most Letters to Military Personnel Collected in One Month."

The goal of 10,000 letters to active-duty service members was exceeded with a total of 100,904 letters. Individuals could write only one letter each but could solicit participation in the community. All letters were handwritten, stamped and delivered in person to DAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C., during the group's Continental Congress annual meeting, this year cele-

brating DAR's 125th anniversary.

"This record-setting achievement provides the latest measure of the collective force of the DAR's appreciation for the United States Military, while simultaneously fostering human connection between the American people and those who defend our freedom," the organization said in a press release. "As devoted stewards of the legacy of the Revolutionary War generation, Daughters feel equally compelled to express appreciation for the valor, sacrifice and commitment of today's active-duty service members. Each letter represents the support of a grateful nation."

DAR Members have proven lineal descent from a Patriot of the Revolutionary War. For more information contact Doris Gorgas, lablady76@wowway.com. ●



Daughters of the American Revolution set a world record for patriotism with more than 100,000 letters sent to military personnel in one month.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



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'Westlake' sign installed on Crocker Road overpass in time for RNC visitors



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Bay Village Scouts help flood victims while camping in West Virginia



Bay Village Boy Scouts, from left, Zak Hamil, Trevor Coleman, Khaled Hamil, Derek Reid, Dennis Risch and Max Kunze cleaned up flood debris in Richwood, West Virginia.

by RANDY RISCH

Six area Boy Scouts and their adult guides recently enjoyed a whitewater and zip-line trip to West Virginia. To help victims of recent flooding, the Scouts collected and delivered donations of food and household products along with over \$200 in contributions to the Red Cross.

The group spent the middle of their trip rafting the New River and

zip-lining the countryside near Fayetteville. With activities complete, they ventured to Richwood to assist in cleanup of neighborhoods affected by the disaster. Many lessons were learned on the trip!

Scouts included: Khaled Hamil and Zak Hamil from Troop 235, and Derek Reid, Dennis Risch, Max Kunze and Trevor Coleman from Sea Scout Ship 41. The Scouts were advised by Randy Risch and Todd Kunze of Troop 41. ●



Scouts deliver donations to the Red Cross in Charleston, West Virginia.

Summertime music



The Portersharks, playing traditional Irish music, entertain the audience at BAYarts on July 17. For upcoming summer concerts, see bayarts.net.

PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

WestShore Lions Club members let freedom ring

by DAVID SACCO

It was the "Bell Ring Ceremony Heard Throughout the United States" and members of the Westshore Lions Club gathered at Peterson Pool, along with Mayor Dennis Clough, staff, and youth participants, to celebrate the Fourth of July.

At 2 p.m. sharp a large number of church towers, fire halls, universities, state houses and other bell-ringing institutions simultaneously joined in this national observance. The history is that in 1963, an act of Congress officially authorized the "Let Freedom Ring"

National Bell Ringing Ceremony.

The Liberty Bell and others across the country are rung 13 times on July 4 in honor of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and in recognition of the original 13 colonies – Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina and Rhode Island. It is stated that citizens throughout the country should be able to hear the sound of our country's founding ... the same way the people of Philadelphia are said to have heard the ringing of the Liberty Bell in 1776. ●



Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, left, joined WestShore Lions Club members Kevin and Linda Barrett, David Sacco, assistant aquatics manager Onat Tungac, and Nan Baker in a bell-ringing ceremony at Peterson Pool. The bell rang out 13 times and young swimmers joined in by calling out the names of the original 13 colonies.

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THE DIGITAL WORLD

Telemedicine for you and me

by TAK SATO

Whether you work or stay home to raise a family, getting sick often throws a monkey wrench into your daily routine. As if the aches and pains slowing you down are not enough, trying to fit in 15 minutes of face-to-face time with your family doctor may introduce undue stress as you try to figure out how to accommodate the unexpected.

Unless you are fortunate enough

to work or live close to your doctor's office, you would have to include in your total time calculation: travel time, wait time, actual face time with your doctor, and depending on the doctor's diagnosis, the time to pick up your medications. Add those up and it becomes an ordeal of an hour or two that you need to squeeze into your day.

My wife recently ran into such conundrum. Unless she missed a note from Dr. Spock that the "teleporter" (from Star Trek fame) is as common

as an Uber service, she had to find a way to take close to two hours from her work for what amounted to 15 minutes of time with her doctor. I'm sure many can relate!

Telemedicine, a clinical service delivery methodology using digital world tools to provide health care at a distance, has come a long way. It has become a viable option when real world commitments and responsibilities make it a challenge to take time off to see a doctor for "minor" health issues. The key word here is "minor" and it is important to check with the service provider ahead of time.

Unfortunately for my wife, I completely forgot about the app on

my smartphone for Cleveland Clinic's "Express Care Online" where the welcome screen claims you can "See a doctor anytime, from anywhere." The service connects you to a video-chat session with a physician from your computer, tablet or smartphone without requiring travel to the medical office. I intend to test the service and write about it in a future column. If any readers have feedback on this or other telemedicine experiences, please drop a note to my editor at tara@wbvobserver.com.

Telemedicine – another innovative use of a digital world tool that frees us to attend to the more important things in our real world! ●

Westlake community garden receives blessing, new gate

by REGINA MCCARTHY

The Westlake Community Garden received its official blessing on a beautiful June 22 evening. Following greetings from Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough and Robert David, President of UH St. John Medical Center, the "Canticle of the Sun" was sung by Sister Kendra, and Rev. Dennis Kristof of the UH SJMC ministry team blessed the garden.

A prayer was offered in memory of Frank J. Obey, one of our pioneer gardeners, who passed away suddenly in April at age 86. His fellow gardeners will keep his plot active this year, with crops grown in his memory donated to the Westlake Food Pantry.

Special recognition was given to Matt Castele, a Boy Scout from Troop 401, who earned his Eagle Scout status at this ceremony, having completed his project of designing, constructing and installing a much-needed second entry gate to the garden. Helping Matt with the construction was his father, Dan; and his uncle and cousins, Dave, Paige and Claire Rogozinski, assisted Matt and Dan with the installation. Mom Monica provided support throughout the combined 20 work hours involved in Matt's Eagle Scout project. Thank you, Matt and the Castele and Rogozinski families. The gate is as beautiful as it is functional.

The Westlake Community Garden is located on the UH SJMC campus, south of the Siedman Cancer Center and can be seen from Crocker Road. ●



Matt Castele constructed an entry gate for the Westlake Community Garden as part of his Eagle Scout project.

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Sr. Judy Wierick, center, a member of the Westlake Garden Committee, leads the prayer beside Frank Obey's plot.

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RECYCLING

from front page

When possible, choose glass and cans!

Recycling your corrugated cardboard (i.e. shipping boxes), paperboard (i.e. cereal boxes), and paper is also very important. Over 90 percent of all shipments in the United States are shipped in cardboard boxes. When you add in shipments made all over the world, that's a lot of cardboard to manufacture! Cardboard is made from tree pulp, and we all know how important trees are to the environment, so cutting down trees to make cardboard is a lot less desirable than recycling cardboard already out there. Paper fibers from cardboard are strong

and can be reused about six times, reducing the need to cut down more trees. Furthermore, when you put clean white printer paper in the recycling bin, this paper will be downcycled to make newspapers or paper towels, which will eventually become waste. However, the good news is that paper can be composted easily, making an eco-friendly end for paper products.

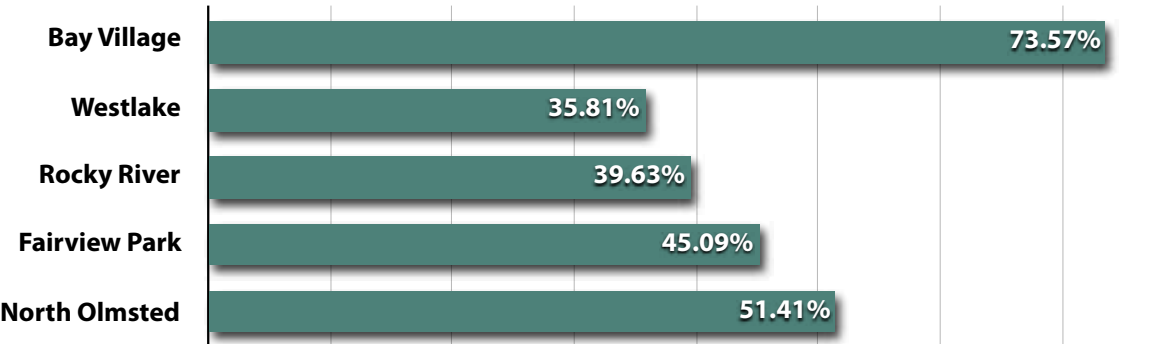
Recyclable plastics are “down-cycled,” meaning they are turned into lower grade plastic than they were originally. For example, a plastic water bottle can be turned into fibers for carpeting, but that carpeting can never be turned back into a water bottle. Plastic never biodegrades, and the polymers in plastic can only be used a few times before they're too degraded for further use. Down-

cycled plastic products require extra treatment, rendering them not recyclable again. Limiting single-use plastic and reusing plastic as much as possible is one way to help reduce what is an environmental menace to the earth.

As you go about your routine and choose products to purchase, please try to keep in mind the mantra we all know “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.” These words are not in that order accidentally, they are in order of importance. First, we need to Reduce our waste. Second, when we produce waste, we should try to Reuse it somehow. If that is not possible, Recycling is the last resort. Thank you for your recycling efforts! Keep up the good work! ●

Visit wbvobserver.com for a link to the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's annual report.

Total Residential Recycling Rates, 2015



DATA SOURCE: CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 2015 RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING REPORT

The total recycling rate represents the portion of solid waste collected by each city that is recycled (paper, plastic, glass, household hazardous waste, etc.) or composted (grass, leaves, brush, etc.).

BAY VILLAGE RECYCLES COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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Green recycling bins, blue trash bins, Simple Recycling bags, yard waste bags or cans marked “yard waste only.”

BULK TRASH COLLECTION
Last Tuesday of the month

Residents may put out 3 extra cans, 6 extra trash bags, furniture and non-freon appliances. Please donate usable items.

BULK TRASH DROP-OFF
Second Wednesday of the month, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Bay Village Service Garage, 31300 Naigle Road

April though September. Residents may bring 3 cans, 6 trash bags, furniture and non-freon appliances.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF
Last Friday of the month, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Bay Village Service Garage, 31300 Naigle Road

Accepted items: oil or solvent-based paint, varnishes, pesticides, caustic cleaners, automotive fluids/oil/batteries, adhesives, kerosene/gasoline, mercury, fluorescent bulbs; computers and equipment, printers; tires. Not accepted: latex paint, explosives/ammunition, smoke detectors, medical waste/pharmaceuticals, electronics, appliances, commercial waste.

LEAF COLLECTION

Begins Oct. 17 (weather permitting). Rake leaves to the curb; do not pile in the street.

BRANCHES AND BRUSH COLLECTION

Branches and brush too large to be placed in yard waste bags may be placed at the curb for pickup year-round.

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ONE SENIOR’S OPINION

The importance of tolerance

by DIANNE BOROWSKI

Tolerance is an important characteristic that, with practice, can be learned. As the saying goes, “No man is an island unto himself.”

Unless we live a hermetic life, we are destined to come into contact with those who, perhaps, are not like-minded, do not look as we do, think as we do or adhere to the same moral code as ourselves.

Our country has been called a “melting pot.” We have always welcomed to our country those who longed for freedom. On paper, welcoming the stranger sounds easy. It is not. We often distrust those we do not know. We cling to those most like ourselves, wary of those different from us.

Refugees flood to our borders in search of a better life. Because our economy has suffered many setbacks during the past few years many Americans are either “un” or “under” employed. Many of us look upon the immigrant as an outsider or intruder who is in competition with us, waiting to take our jobs. Even those who live near us can be thought of as strange or even dangerous.

In my opinion this is one reason that groups such as the Rocky River Writers and Readers can be quite valuable. This group of senior citizens from across the Westshore area come together to share an interest in writing and literature. When a bunch of strangers from different communities, with different talents and different socioeconomic backgrounds can sit together in one room and freely express ideas, beliefs and emotions – and remain viable after eight years of meeting weekly – someone must be doing something right. To my knowledge no one has ever been turned away from the group. Quite an accomplishment and a great example of building tolerance.

During these troubling times, perhaps, we should reflect upon what we have in common, teaching our children tolerance and acceptance of others. Community after community, state by state, country by country, we can hopefully create a better, safer world. ●

Achievement Centers to receive raffle proceeds from upcoming flea market

by DEBORAH OSGOOD

The Achievement Centers for Children is pleased to be the recipient of the raffle proceeds from the upcoming Westside Flea, to be held July 23 at 3550 Crocker Road in Westlake.

The mission of the Achievement Centers for Children is to enable and empower children with disabilities to grow, learn, play and prepare for lifelong achievement in society. Last year, the Achievement Centers served over 2,300 children, teens and adults with disabilities and their families. The non-profit does its work out in the community and from three locations, including a site in Westlake on Center Ridge Road.

The Achievement Centers offers a variety of high quality programs including education, social work/family support, therapy, recreation/camp and adapted sports. The agency's impact is significant – 95 percent of clients served by the Achievement Centers achieve or partially achieve their individualized goals.

The Achievement Centers is committed to providing many of their services regardless of a family's ability to pay. Contributions from the community and events like the Westside Flea directly benefit the individuals with disabilities and their families we serve. ●

More stories, photos and events online at www.wbvobserver.com

SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE HISTORY

Bay resident lost his life on interurban railway

by KAY LAUGHLIN

Three years of working on the Lake Shore Electric Interurban made George Sarles an old hand on the trolley system. George worked the early morning express run traveling from downtown Cleveland west through the farmlands, often delivering the early morning newspapers to the outlying areas.

Leaving downtown Cleveland a half hour late on July 30, 1905, the trolley car was running at full throttle down Clifton Boulevard. As it rounded a curve on Clifton slick from a heavy rain the night before, the trolley skidded and jumped the tracks. The front trunks slid off the track causing the car to flip over on its side. George was



George Sarles is buried in Lakeside Cemetery.

tossed through the vestibule and out of the car, pinning him underneath. Loose live wires came in touch with him. He was electrocuted and died.

George was born in Norwalk, Ohio, on Oct. 27, 1867. We do not know a good deal about his early childhood. He moved to the Cleveland area and married Elizabeth



An interurban trolley is pictured in downtown Cleveland.

Keyse. They had four sons. He lived in Bay Village at the time of his death. With his passing, the family moved to Rocky River and the name passed out of the Village. George is buried in Lakeside Cemetery. ●

BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bay Village City Hall green parking lot improvements project

by CURTIS KRAKOWSKI

In spring of 2016, the City of Bay Village completed renovations to the existing City Hall parking lot. The project was intended to reduce rain water run-off and reduce pollutants such as salt, oils, suspended solids and metals from entering into the storm sewer system that impact aquatic life in Cahoon Creek and Lake Erie, while educating the residents and visitors to Bay Village about viable, sustainable storm water management alternatives.

This project was supported and financed in part through a grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) under the provisions of the Surface Water Improvement Fund (SWIF). The City received \$120,000 to be used toward these improvements as part of the SWIF Grant.

The improvements include key storm water management features to help achieve the goal of improving the environmental impact the existing parking lot has on our creeks and Lake Erie. These features include:

Pavement Reduction

The goal of reducing rain water run-off is best met by reducing the impervious surface area, such as asphalt and concrete, and increasing ground infiltra-

tion through green space and permeable pavers. The one-way traffic configuration of the parking lot allows for reduced aisle width. Replacing some of the impervious surface with pervious surfaces reduces run-off. The existing asphalt pavement area was reduced from approximately 26,300 square feet to 18,800 square feet, or an overall reduction of nearly 28 percent.

Bio-retention

A bio-retention swale is an area consisting of a graded depression of pervious materials, such as stone and mulch with vegetation. It allows shallow ponding of storm water run-off and gradual percolation through soil media where it infiltrates through the underlying soils and is absorbed by plant material, evaporates, or enters into the storm sewer system through an underdrain system. Any overflow is directed into a basin that carries the excess water into the storm sewer system. The bio-retention cell is planted with decorative trees and shrubs that will also help remove pollutants. The overall area of the bio-retention cell is approximately 3,600 square feet. The bio-retention cell also provides storm water detention to help reduce additional flow into the storm sewer system during heavy rain events.

Permeable Pavers

The area north of the parking lot includes the installation of new permeable pavers. This helps meet the goals of reducing the amount of existing impervious asphalt pavement, providing additional area for ground infiltration of rain water. The permeable pavers capture and retain rain water from the parking lot while removing pollutants before it is either absorbed into the natural subgrade or enters into the storm sewer system through an underdrain system. Pollutants are removed through the stone aggregate below the pavers. The lighter color of the pavers also helps reduce heat absorption,



PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

The Bay Village City Hall parking lot has been renovated to better manage storm water runoff, including a 3,600-square-foot bio-retention swale.

which in turn reduces the temperature of the rain run-off. The area of asphalt replaced with the permeable pavers is approximately 3,900 square feet. ●



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SPORTING VIEWS

The more the Browns change, the more they stay the same

by JEFF BING

I'm sure everyone is familiar with that old saying, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." I don't know who said it, but whoever coined the phrase most likely was a Cleveland sports fan. At least up until recently.

Look at the changes – and I mean positive changes, folks – regarding the Cavs and Indians over their most recent season. The Cavs stun the world by going out and winning a NBA Championship, and the Indians follow suit by looking like a very good bet to make the post-season. I mean, really, who'd a thunk it?

But does anyone realize what the real benefit behind the collective success of the Cavs and Indians is? Keeping in mind that the Browns typically account for a majority of the news space in your local sports section, we have the Cavs and Indians to thank – big time – for a major reprieve. Because otherwise, we'd be inundated – likely to the point of becoming physically ill – with stories about Johnny Rehab, Johnny Rehab's girlfriend, Johnny Rehab's every move. The reason being: even though he's no longer a Cleveland Brown, most folks still find Johnny Dumbdumb stories preferable to the painful rehashing of last year's 3-13 juggernaut.

Seriously, if the Cavs had fallen short in the play-offs and the Indians were having another stink-o summer, the sports pages

would be filled with Browns stories. You know what I'm talking about: the really juicy stuff about how analytics will save the Browns (as if the rest of the NFL isn't privy to the analytics concept). Or, how Jimmy Haslam is "committed" to putting a winner, "candidly," on the field. (Although I must confess that while I am in total agreement with Jimmy Haslam being committed, it's in an entirely different context).

We would be hearing, ad nauseam, about how Hue Jackson has detected (and corrected) a flaw in RG3's "mechanics" (which would make RG3 more like R2D2, no?), and how now we can expect RG3 to revert back to his rookie form. And that all of the players in training camp may be inexperienced, but will more than compensate for that deficiency because they are all "hungry and eager to learn." Sorry, but hungry as they may be, it will take more than a Snickers bar to make up for the talent shortage this fall. Pass the milk of magnesia, please.

From the 1940s through the early '60s, annual success by the Indians, Browns, and hockey Barons had Cleveland dubbed "the city of champions." Are we approaching world dominance again? I mean, the Cavs are world champs, the Indians are serious pennant contenders, and the Browns are – oh yeah – unfortunately ... still the Browns.

It's reassuring to know at least there are some things you can always count on. ●

Let me tell you about Cleveland ... and Westlake and Bay

Six Westlake hotels are providing accommodations for delegates from seven states for the Republican National Convention in downtown Cleveland. RNC Host Committee Volunteers from throughout Northeast Ohio are furnishing information about dining, shopping and entertainment in the Cleveland area. These volunteers also get a glimpse of the wonderful amenities of Westlake and Bay Village.



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

RNC Host Committee Volunteers at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel in Westlake greet members of the Pennsylvania delegation to the Republican Convention. From left: Patti Thompson, Olmsted Falls; Chris Williams, Olmsted Township; Debbie Ammer and Jennifer Kowicki, Parma.

Westside Christian Academy adds grade levels, new principal

by MICHAELA KEKEDY

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, Westside Christian Academy in Westlake is on its way to providing an education to students from pre-kindergarten through high school graduation. They launched the Upper School in fall 2015, combining the existing grades 7 and 8 with a new grade 9. Grade 10 and a pre-kindergarten class will start this fall. Plans are to add grades 11 and 12 in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

To lead the Upper School, WCA announced the hiring of Dr. Bernard J. Mauser, an assistant professor at San Diego Christian College. Dr. Mauser will be teaching and developing the curriculum in his role as principal.

Dr. Mauser doesn't recall exactly when he first decided to become a teacher. "I always found myself teaching. I would learn all I could [about a subject] and strive to be the best at it," he said. "I took a gymnastics course and read five books on it outside of the class." That approach has led him to become an instructor in fields as diverse as martial arts and swing dancing. He has also stud-

ied Latin, French, Greek, Spanish and Hebrew.

In addition to his experience at San Diego Christian College, Dr. Mauser has taught courses in philosophy, economics, government and theology at Marquette University, Cardinal Stritch University, Southern Evangelical Seminary and Liberty University. He remains an adjunct professor for Liberty and will be teaching an online course this year, as well as a one-week on-campus course at Southern Evangelical University in the next year.

Dr. Mauser hopes to add more languages to the curriculum, including Greek, and looks forward to teaching a class on martial arts and possibly swing dancing as part of WCA's series of classes taught by parents on unique topics. ●



Dr. Bernard J. Mauser, the new Upper School principal of Westside Christian Academy.



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WESTLAKE REC DEPARTMENT

Late summer sports fun in Westlake

by **JIM DISPIRITO**

Late July and early August signals the annual approach to football season. Be it traditional tackle or the less hectic flag, Westlake has an option for you. The Westlake Youth Football Association offers two divisions of tackle football, 3rd/4th Grade and 5th/6th Grade. The WYFA competes in the Little SWC with teams from Lake-

wood to Avon, Fairview to Olmsted Falls making up the competition. Westlake Youth Football follows the USA Football Heads Up Program. Tackle football will start with conditioning the week of July 25. Practices then start the week of Aug. 1. Registration is happening right now; visit westlakeyouthfootball.org for more information.

The Westlake Recreation Department offers three divisions of flag football. Registration for these divisions can be made at the Westlake Recreation Center or online at www.cityofwestlake.org/287/recreation. The divisions include 1st/2nd Grade, 3rd/4th Grade and 5th/6th Grade. The 1st/2nd Grade teams will practice and play in Westlake.

The other two age groups will practice in Westlake and play half their home games in Westlake, but they will

also play some games in other cities like North Olmsted, Bay Village or Fairview Park. Practices are held during the week with games on Saturdays in September and October. Volunteer coaches are needed for all teams. All flag players will be provided with jerseys and a mouth guard. Deadline to register for flag football is Aug. 24, with practices beginning the week of Aug. 29.

The week of July 25, coach Shawn Hood will be holding his annual basketball camp at the Westlake Recreation Center. Below are the listings for his two programs; visit the Rec Department's website to register.

Shawn Hood's Basketball Skills & Drills Camp

Boys and girls in grades three through eight can join Westlake High School varsity boys coach Shawn

Hood as he works with players to improve shooting, passing and overall skills. Camp will be held at the Westlake Recreation Center July 25-28. Grades 3-5 run from 9 a.m.-noon while grades 6-8 learn from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$150.

Junior Demons Skills Camp

Shawn Hood will teach children in kindergarten through second grade the basic mechanics of being a complete basketball player. Your child will learn the fundamentals of dribbling, passing and shooting. Coach Hood's years of experience working with kids both on the court and in the classroom will make this an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone. Camp will be held at the Westlake Recreation Center July 25-28 from 3:45-4:45 p.m. Cost is \$50. ●

Porter Library hosts ice cream social on July 25

by **JENNIFER CIRINCIONE**

Friends of Westlake Porter Public Library invites you to their annual Ice Cream Social on Monday, July 25, from 6-8 p.m. at the library. The Social is the culminating event to celebrate the end of the library's Summer Reading Program.

Mitchell's Ice Cream sundaes will be sold for \$1. Come see The Big Daddies Band, have your face painted and join the cakewalk for just 50 cents. Bid on the silent auction, shop all day at the Portables Gift Shop Sidewalk Sale and take advantage of the Half-Price Sale at our used book store, the Book Nook. Musicians will be playing jazz in the Reading Garden so adults can sit and enjoy their ice cream while being entertained.

The silent auction closes that day at 7:45 p.m. You have a chance to bid on the following: four Walt Disney World Park Hopper passes, Lolly the Trolley, COSI, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, American Girl doll and more. Bidding will be available in the library lobby before the event and all day on July 25

until 7:45 p.m.

Shop three days – Saturday, July 23, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, July 24, from 1-4:30 p.m.; and Monday, July 25, from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. – at the Portables Gift Shop Sidewalk Sale. The gift shop is run by Friends and can be visited online at portablesgifts.com. All proceeds go to the library and the shop is staffed by volunteers.

Shop at the Book Nook on July 25 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. – there will be thousands of half-priced books, movies and more for sale. The Book Nook is a used book room run by Friends that sells the library's discarded books and media, as well as items that the public donates. This is a great time to stock up on summer reading and to get a deal on books and media. Where else can you buy a cur-

rent DVD for \$1 or a complete audiobook for 50 cents? We have an especially large selection of children's non-fiction books.

Of course, the highlight of the event are the sundaes! Mitchell's Ice Cream will be serving from a tent in the parking lot from 6-8 p.m. Popular flavors include vanilla, chocolate, cookie dough and, special to the library, Porter Peppermint Patty! Friends of WPPL subsidizes the cost of the sundaes so the public pays only \$1.

Make sure the kids take a turn at the Cakewalk – a 50-cent round might win you one of our 60 cookie and cake choices!

Friends of WPPL looks forward to your attendance at this fun, annual community event! Parking is available at the library and across the street at the post office. ●

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Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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 pre-school 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 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.

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.

Thursday, July 28 (2 p.m.) SILLY OLYMPICS – Grades 1-4: Catch the Olympic fever at our fun event! We will play silly games in the spirit of friendly competition and celebrate our talented athletes. Registration required.

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

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.

Wednesday, August 10 (7 p.m.) STADIUMS OF CLEVELAND – Stroll down memory lane with a look at Cleveland's League Park, home to the Cleveland baseball team until 1946. Then move on to Municipal Stadium, from construction to demolition, and the events held there: baseball, football, concerts and more. This virtual tour closes with a brief look at Progressive Field and FirstEnergy Stadium.

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

Bay Village Library Used Book Sale

by LINDA LAMB

The annual Summer Used Book Sale at the Bay Village Library branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library begins Saturday, July 23, at 9 a.m. and runs through Tuesday, July 26, at 7 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of Bay Village Library. Proceeds from the sale are used for upcoming library programs and activities. There is a large selection of books for readers of all ages as well as magazines, DVDs, CDs, books on tape and more. All materials have been categorized for easy shopping. Tuesday, the last day of the sale, is bag day when a full bag of books costs \$1. Bags are provided by the library.

Volunteers are needed to help with the book sale and other library-related projects sponsored and funded by the Friends of the Bay Village Library. For information on volunteering, the book sale, or becoming a member of the Friends of the Bay Village Library, visit the library at 502 Cahoon Road, or call 440-871-6392. ●

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Unity to host workshop on coping with grief

by SHARON FEDOR

Loss and grief are inevitable parts of our lives. How do we grieve the many forms of loss that life brings to us? Is there a right or a wrong way to grieve?

Tears are a common form of expression understood across cultures, particularly when a death occurs. For men, it is still somewhat unacceptable; a quick tear or two seems okay, but not outright sobbing.

Is there a correct length of time to express your grief? Wearing "widow's

weeds" is a term for a mourning custom where the woman donned heavy, concealing, black clothing, and veils. Even today, in some countries such as Italy, Greece and Portugal, widows will wear black for the rest of their lives.

A social worker from The Gathering Place in Westlake shared with me a very simple, and understandable reason for grief. After the death of my mom, I sat with her for a couple of sessions, and one of the things I remember most from our meetings were five simple words: "We grieve because we love."

To give us greater insight into grieving, Reverend Therese Lee will be coming to Unity Spiritual Center of Westlake, 23855 Detroit Road, on Sunday, July 31, for an afternoon workshop on grief. A topic that many people find difficult to speak about, Unity Minister Rev. Lee shares how she is making her way through the grief process after the unexpected death

of her husband, Reverend Dr. Tom Lee, four years ago.

She invites us to journey with her to "Walking Alongside Our Grief" just as she has been doing. Her workshop will look at healing as the ability to return to living again, and that grief comes with the intensity of many deep emotions that one must learn to cope with. She will also be the guest speaker at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday services on July 31.

Though psychiatrist Elizabeth Kubler Ross is well known for her work developing a model of grief with five stages, it is rarely as precise, neat or linear as she suggests. The stages of denial, anger, depression, bargaining and acceptance can be jumbled together, or one of the emotions felt much stronger and longer than others. Some people may never move out of one of the emotions, and remain stuck there.

It is important to realize no one's grief is a carbon copy of another's, but it also

important to express the emotions of grief to be able to release them.

"We often don't know what to do when a friend, or loved one is experiencing grief," said From Rev. Joanne Rowden of Unity Westlake. "It typically makes us feel uncomfortable, and so we want our loved one to get beyond it. We often are afraid to speak about the grief because we don't know what to say, or what will be helpful. More often than not, the one experiencing grief does not need you to fix anything, what they need is a listening ear, a compassionate shoulder to cry on, or someone to just sit in the silence with them."

We have all heard it said that time heals all wounds, but Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy did not agree. She said, "The wounds remain. In time, the mind protecting its sanity, covers them with scar tissue and the pain lessens. But it is never gone." It's true, we grieve because we love. ●

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Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, July 20 and 27 (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 20 (11-11:45 a.m.) WPPL’S ANNUAL EGG DROP – Celebrate engineering during STEAM week with your design in our egg drop. Come to the Porter Room from 11:00-11:45 to build your design to hold your egg, then join us at noon in the library lobby for the official egg drop.

Wednesdays, July 20 and 27 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, July 21 and 28 (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.

Thursday, July 21 (7-8:30 p.m.) GOOGLE ART PROJECT – Come and learn about the Google Art Project. Discover and share artworks from museums around the world. Please register.

Friday, July 22 (10 a.m.-noon) FIBER FANATICS – A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems, and show off.

Friday, July 22 (1-3 p.m.) MATHA-PALOOZA – Love it or hate it, math is part of everyday life. Join us at Matha-palooza to try out various math exploration stations.

Fridays, July 22 and 29 (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.

Saturday, July 23 (10 a.m.-noon) IPAD SKILLS LAB – If you need help with basic iPad skills, stop by the Computer Lab with your questions and your iPad.

Saturday, July 23 (10:30-11 a.m.) MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE! – An interactive storytime featuring simple books, rhymes, songs and movement. For ages birth-3 with an adult caregiver.

Saturday, July 23 (2-3 p.m.) SOLAR OVEN – We will construct a solar oven out of a pizza box and attempt to cook a recipe with it. You can take your oven home along with some solar oven recipes. Ages 10-12. Registration begins July 16.

Saturday, July 23 (4-5 p.m.) FULL STEAM AHEAD: GEOCACHING – This month we’ll learn about geocaching and go on a library geocache! Grades 3-4. Registration begins July 16.

Monday, July 25 (6-8 p.m.) ICE CREAM SOCIAL – The Friends of Porter Public Library invite you to enjoy \$1 ice cream sundaes from Mitchell’s Ice Cream, music, family fun and more!

Tuesday, July 26 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: SETTING UP A LINKEDIN PROFILE – Job seekers in almost all fields need to have a LinkedIn profile. It can help you find companies that are hiring and meet people who can assist your search. Learn techniques in a computer lab to set up a great profile. NOTE: Reservation required as there are only 12 seats at computers. Or bring a laptop or tablet to work on. Call 216-367-3011 to reserve your seat.

Tuesday, July 26 (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 26 (6-8:30 p.m.) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: COPING WITH JOB LOSS – Job loss is one of the major life changes people face. There is a process you need to go through to be ready and able to move forward and

conduct an effective job search. Join two experienced counselors and a group of other job seekers to learn the steps for working through the process.

Tuesday, July 26 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) ANIME MOVIE NIGHT – Sit back and munch on popcorn while watching a Studio Ghibli classic! Grades 7-12 only.

Wednesday, July 27 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – The July selection is “The Personal History of Rachel Dupree” by Ann Weisgarber.

Wednesday, July 27 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Drop-in session for genealogy help provided by the members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter.

Thursday, July 28 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Thursday, July 28 (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 28 (4-6 p.m.) PAINT & POP: PAINTING PARTY – Sip on yummy drinks while you dip your brushes and create a work of art! Mobile Art Party will lead us, step by step, through a painting that you can make all your own. No painting skill necessary! Grades 7-12. Registration begins July 21.

Friday, July 29 (10-10:45 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME! – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys. For children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome.

Saturday, July 30 (1-2 p.m.) OLYMPIC BINGO – Play Olympic-themed BINGO and win prizes. For adults with special needs and a caregiver, if needed. Please register.

Sunday, July 31 (1-1:45 p.m.) MEET-UPS! – Join us for a centers-based open play group including video games, LEGO and more! For children in grades 1-5 with special needs. Siblings are welcome. Registration begins July 24.

Sunday, July 31 (2-3:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS! – 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.

Sunday, July 31 (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.

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

Bromfield Cafe to open at Porter Library

After a long search, the Westlake Porter Public Library Board of Trustees has announced that a new café will be moving into the space formerly occupied by Picc-A-Deli and Pulley’s at Porter. Owners CJ and Wendy Bromfield hope to open the café in July.

Bromfield Café plans to feature fair trade coffee and tea produced by Puro, a brand that offers coffee from seven fair trade cooperatives in South America. The café will also offer Puro Tea, as well as hot chocolate and other drinks, and small snacks. Bromfield also plans to survey customers to determine what other products they would like to see offered in the café.

Puro products are offered in many world-renowned sites like Buckingham Palace and the London’s Savoy Hotel. The Bromfields are the only distributor of Puro products in Ohio, putting WPPL visitors in very exclusive company.

“Since Pulley’s closed our customers have been asking us when we’re going to open another café,” said Library Director Andrew Mangels. “We’re thrilled to be able to once again offer them the place for refreshments that they so clearly desire, and look forward to working with this first-class establishment.” ●



Come join us for a community education presentation:
**The Pharmacological Treatment of
Dementia, past, present and future.**
Thursday, July 28 * 10 a.m.

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Event will take place in the front lobby.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Wednesday, July 20, 6:30-8:45 p.m.
Cuyahoga West Chapter, Ohio
Genealogical Society

Ohio Genealogical Society President Margaret Cheney will present "What is a Lineage Society? And, How Do I Join One?" The public is invited, at no charge. Program is from 7:00-8:45 p.m. Social time, with refreshments is from 6:30-7 p.m.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, July 21, 4-6 p.m.
"Spotlight: Cleveland" Opening Reception

Join us for a wine and cheese reception to open a retrospective art exhibit featuring the works of local artist Mary Deutschman.
Rae Ann Suburban, 29505 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Thursdays, July 21 and 28, 5-8 p.m.
BAYarts Farm + Art Market

Local food, artisans, garden needs and demonstrations.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village

Thursday, July 21, 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 22 and 29, 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

Sunday, July 24, 6:30-8 p.m.

Westlake Summer Concert Series
Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a variety of music. Tonight: Shivering Timbers (folk rock/Americana).
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Tuesdays, July 26 and Aug. 2, 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 practice and work on improving our public speaking skills. New members always welcome.
Bay United Methodist Church, Second Floor, 29931 Lake Rd.

Tuesday, July 26, 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

Wednesday, July 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Family History Research Help

For those individuals who have not been able to attend Cuyahoga West Chapter's regular monthly afternoon Free Family History Research Help Sessions, a "Special Summer Evening Help Session" is being offered. Please bring pedigree and family history group sheets to help volunteers provide assistance.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, July 28, 10 a.m.
The Pharmacological Treatment of Dementia

Join us for a community education presentation about the pharmacological treatment of dementia – past, present and future. Open to the public. Event will take place in the front lobby. Refreshments will be served. RSVP required by July 25 to Sue Leichty at 440-871-3474.
O'Neill Healthcare Bay Village, 605 Bradley Rd.

Saturday, July 30, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Lymphedema Management

Learn strategies to reduce the risk of lymphedema and ways to manage signs and symptoms of swelling. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546 or visit touchedbycancer.org. Free.
The Gathering Place, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Saturday, July 30, 4:30 p.m.
Free Community Meal

Free to all, great food, good conversation! The church is accessible to the physically challenged, no carry outs. Meal provided by Church of the Redeemer, Westlake.
Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted

Sunday, July 31, 6:30-8 p.m.
Westlake Summer Concert Series

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a variety of music. Tonight: New Barleycorn (Irish/Celtic).
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Sunday, July 31, 7-9 p.m.
BAYarts Concert: Flavored Jazz

Improv originals and jazz standards. Free and open to the public. We suggest you bring blankets/chairs!
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Senior Health and Wellness Fair

Learn about senior living options. Visit with 25 vendors on site: mobility, hospice, home health, assisted living, elder law attorneys, skilled nursing and more, including the Alzheimer's Association, The Gathering Place, and adaptive product companies. Health screenings, take home lunch and more. FREE but please RSVP by July 25 to 440-899-3544. For more info, visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Senior-Health-Fair.
Westlake Community Services, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.



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