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### History comes alive at cemetery walk







If you were among the fortunate to visit Lakeside Cemetery on Sunday, Oct. 16, you were treated to an exceptionally good tour of Bay Village's historic cemetery. Although the Bay Village Historical Society has hosted this event for many years, this year's tour was especially wonderful due to the participation by some actors from the Bay Village Community Theater, who portrayed a variety of the city's famous ancestors. See more photos at wbvobserver.com/photoblogs.

# Light up Bay Village for the holiday season

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

nce again this holiday season, the Christmas spirit will shine a little more brightly in Bay Village.

The Bay Village Historical Society and the Bay Village Kiwanis are asking Bay residents to join them in celebrating an old-fashioned community Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A kickoff to the holiday season, the event will include a children's gingerbread house contest at Rose Hill Museum, the reading of holiday stories, caroling and crafts for kids in the Bay Village Community House, the Kiwanis Christmas tree sale, a visit by Santa Claus and the lighting of the community tree in the Cahoon Memorial Park gazebo. Residents can help to "Light up Bay Village" by placing luminaries in their yards that evening.

Bay Village community groups are invited to participate by decorating a holiday wreath, to be displayed in the gazebo. Tables in the Commu-



Santa greets children at the Community
House during last year's Cahoon Christmas.

nity House are available for the sale of Christmas ornaments and merchandise.

Any civic or school groups interested in taking part in the festivities or selling holiday merchandise should contact Cynthia Eakin at info@bayhistorical.com or 216-213-0312, or Rhonda Schneider at baykiwanis@gmail.com or 216-225-6538.

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# Candlelight ceremony to honor the loss of a child

by SHARON FEDOR

n the evening of Sunday, Dec. 11, Unity Spiritual Center of Westlake will acknowledge and honor anyone who has ever experienced the loss of a beloved child, with The Compassionate Friends. This is a special event that happens once a year, locally and worldwide. The candlelit evening acknowledges grief, allows for tears, honors the lives of those lost but never forgotten, and opens the door to greater healing.

Around the globe, at 7 p.m. local time on Dec. 11, candles will be lit for one hour uniting families and friends to honor the memories of children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters who can no longer be hugged. Though they left too soon, they will never be forgotten. Their memories will be shared through love and understanding



by hundreds of thousands across the globe.

The observance began in the United States in 1997, and today TCF's Worldwide Candle Lighting is believed to be the largest mass candle lighting in the world. This special evening at Unity begins at 6:30 p.m., and unfolds through music, readings and inspirational messages offering hope. There will be a Memory Wall to place photos of your loved one.

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# West Shore Chamber Veterans honored at luncheon

by TAMMY BERTRAND

The West Shore Chamber of Commerce honored their own this Veterans Day with a lunch and pinning ceremony. The members, who served in all branches of the United States military, received a complimentary lunch from the 100th Bomb Group and a veteran flag pin from the Hospice of the Western Reserve.

TJ Worsencroft from Navigate not a dry eye in the house.

Risk Insurance did a presentation on his time in the U.S. Coast Guard. Dave Beck, owner of Lighthouse Inspection, came in his full dress uniform. He was a commander in the Coast Guard and recently retired after 23 years to start his own business.

Thirteen vet-

erans in total were recognized from the six chambers of commerce in the Power of More. State Representative Nan Baker also attended the lunch and expressed her gratitude for their service. Hospice of the Western Reserve ended the program with a touching video called "Charlie's Journey" which followed the grief support process of a World War II veteran who had recently lost his wife of 67 years. There was not a dry eye in the house.



U.S. Coast Guard retired officer Dave Beck receives a flag pin from Nathan Gradisher, chair of Hospice of the Western Reserve's veterans advisory council, during a recognition ceremony sponsored by the West Shore Chamber.





### **CEREMONY**

from front page

At 7 p.m. each person will be invited to walk forward to light a candle in remembrance of the child, sibling or grandchild they lost too soon. Our candle lighting will be united with those doing the same around the globe to commemorate all lost children, as we stand together awed by the light that was their life. This will create 24 hours of light encircling the earth, moving from time zone to time zone.

If weather permits, there will be a candlelit labyrinth walk outdoors. There will be time to talk, listen, cry and embrace the past and the future. There will be refreshments, and you are welcome to bring your favorite cookies to share. This event is free. A free will offering will be gratefully received.

Know that you are not alone, so come and join others who understand much of what you are feeling because their heart has grieved like yours. Unity Spiritual Center is honored to host this candlelit evening at 23855 Detroit Road, Westlake.

## Significant achievement for Westlake's clerk of council

by JOAN KEMPER

n Thursday, Nov. 3, Westlake's clerk of council, Denise Rosenbaum, was awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk, by the **International Institute** of Municipal Clerks.

This designation does not come easily. It requires the accumulation of many points of credit, obtained through attending

seminars, institutes and conferences dedicated to the education of municipal clerks. Credit is also given for college courses, experience on the job and serving on association committees.

Denise joined the City in 1997 as assistant clerk and was appointed clerk of council in 2010. With this designation, Denise becomes the 100th Certified Municipal Clerk in the state. While the program can take some clerks two to three years to complete, Denise's job duties often precluded her from attending events. She was dedicated to the pursuit, picking up credits over the course



Denise Rosenbaum, left, earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk. Presenting her with the certificate were fellow clerks Joan Kemper of Bay Village and Barbara Brooks of Avon.

of seven years as her schedule

Her accomplishment was recognized by City Council during their Nov. 3 meeting, attended by members of Denise's family and several colleagues. Denise was presented with her certificate and then took her seat behind a new nameplate, bearing the letters "CMC" after her name.

City Council President Michael Killeen congratulated her on behalf of council, saying, "Denise has spent an awful lot of time and effort over the last few years to do this. She's very diligent in whatever she does and does

a great job at it. The fact that she received this certificate as a professional is great but we always knew that Denise is number one."

As a friend and colleague of Denise Rosenbaum, I offer my deepest and most sincere congratulations to her on this outstanding achievement. Having car pooled together for so many of the events, I know how important this has been to Denise, and how much of herself she has poured into receiving this designation. The members of Westlake City Council and the city's residents are fortunate to have Denise as their clerk.

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# VFW to host holiday social

by FRED GREEN

The Bay Village VFW Post will host our second annual Holiday Social for our membership. The social will be held on our regular meeting night of Tuesday, Dec. 13, however, instead of meeting at the Bay Village Police Station we will be meeting at the Bay Lodge on Bradley Road. The social will run from 7-9 p.m. There is plenty of parking at the Bay

Any active post member is invited along with spouses or close family members. In addition, we invite any local West Shore active military member and/or their families. Refreshments will be provided and there will be raffles, all provided by the post, but guests are welcome to bring a dish to share.

Anyone wishing to attend is asked to RSVP to Debbie Green at 440-899-7416 no later than Dec. 8. We are also looking for assistance with set up, clean up and food preparation. Local businesses and organizations are asked if they can provide a small donation for our raffle it would be greatly appreciated. If you can donate a modest gift, product or certificate for our raffle, please contact VFW Commander and youth groups.

Fred Green at the same number above. Donations are tax deductible.

This will not be a normal meeting format, it is a holiday social and it will be an open house environment. You can stop by for a while or stay and meet our members and families. For any active duty members or families, there will be information available regarding membership and veterans benefits.

If you are a local resident and VFW member or eligible for the VFW, but not affiliated with our post or the VFW, please consider attending and get to know us. We are always looking for new members to support our great West Shore communities, veterans, schools

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#### **FAITH & SPIRITUALITY**

# **Finding common** ground again

by KAREN PETERSON

t. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Bay Village is hosting a series of workshops on reflecting, learning and experiencing different ways to interact with God. Each program will focus on a different way to connect.

The next workshop, "Finding Common Ground Again", will be held Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. This workshop will offer a faith-based approach to dealing with disagreement, offering both practical strategies and theological underpinnings for the healing of relationships and the bridging of divides. Within a family or neighborhood, in the workplace, within our nation, we can have respectful, meaningful conversations that move our understanding forward and "turn down the heat" in conflicts.

Sarah Shofstall has been helping people find common ground for more than 35 years. As a trial attorney, helping to work toward amicable settlements, she was the drafter of "A Mediation Handbook for Nebraska Judges" and helped to establish a non-profit mediation center. As an Episcopal priest she has helped to plan and present two national reconciliation workshops, to help people with differing theological views find ways to move forward together. Sarah is currently the Rector of St. Barnabas.

The December workshop will feature Bay Village landscape architect Julia Shutt sharing information about creating a garden haven. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to noon.

All are welcome to attend the workshops. A suggested \$10 donation is appreciated but not required. Register by phoning 440-871-6200.

# Bay Schools levy passes in all 12 city precincts

by KAREN DERBY

ay Village Board of Education president Amy Huntley has worked on the district's school levies since she was a teenager. A graduate of Bay High School with six adult children who are all Bay High alumni, she cannot remember a levy ever passing in all 12 Bay Village precincts.

"I am just ecstatic," Huntley said as the election night poll numbers came in showing a 60 percent passage rate for the levy. "This is a strong indicator of trust in us, and I give credit for that to our teachers, staff and administrators who demonstrate every single day how much we care about our kids. It's definitely all about our kids."

Credit, too, should go to a board of education and administration who demonstrated sound fiscal management, according to Citizens for Bay Schools co-chair Tom Harkness.

"I think one of the most important messages of our campaign was that our dedicated educators guide students to stellar achievement while the district spends less per student than most others in our county," said Harkness. "That along with the fact that the last levy was stretched from a projected four years to six years,

a 50 percent longer time period than promised, built more trust with the voters."

Superintendent Clint Keener was confident that the community would support the levy, but said that support must never be taken for granted.

"The trust shown by our voters allows our board of education to plan long-term for making the best use of those dollars for years to come," said Keener. "We are extremely grateful to our voters, and it is obvious that our residents care greatly for our children. We will continue to demonstrate that their trust in us is well placed."

Keener noted that the willingness of community members, residents and parents like Harkness, his co-chair Susan Moran, long-time treasurer of the Citizens for Bay Schools, Cheryl Maude, and dozens of committee volunteers to invest time and energy in a levy campaign made a key difference in the school district's success at the ballot.

Key positive indicators included a record number of yard signs requested and distributed, led by Beth Noren, as well as an increased social media presence focusing on educators, alumni and students, and compelling facts, led by Cathy McPhillips.



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### **CAHOON CHRISTMAS**

from front page

Santa Claus will leave the Bay Lodge on a fire truck at 2 p.m. and will arrive at the Community House about 3 p.m. The Bay High Choraleers will sing holiday tunes at 3:30 p.m. The Fairytale Foundation Princesses will provide photo opportunities. There will be a reading of the holiday tale, "'Twas the Night before Christmas." The tree lighting will take place at the gazebo at about 4:30 p.m.

As part of the holiday celebration, the Bay Village Historical Society is sponsoring its annual "Cahoon Christmas Gingerbread House Contest." There will be a judging in three categories: K-2, grades 3-4, grades 5-8. Prizes will be awarded in each category. Gingerbread houses can be constructed of any edible materials. Houses should be able to fit on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper. Gingerbread houses can be dropped off at Rose Hill Museum after 1 p.m. and picked up at 4 p.m. Visit www.bayhistorical.com for details.

#### THE GREEN REPORT

## **Green your holidays**

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

t is estimated that between Thanksgiving Land New Year's Day, household waste increases 25 percent. I want to share some easy ways to reduce waste, and make your holidays more green!

An easy step to take is to purchase local and/ or organic foods when possible. Locally grown and raised food reduces the carbon dioxide emissions from shipping foods. Purchasing organic foods reduces the need for pesticides and toxic chemicals. These chemicals, when used on conventionally grown items, are not only detrimental to your health, but they enter the soil, which eventually runs off into rivers and lakes. This time of year it is not as easy to find locally raised produce, but it's still available. I have seen it both at Heinen's and Whole Foods in recent weeks. If you are looking for a locally raised turkey to serve at Thanksgiving, you can call and order one in advance at Lake Road Market in Rocky River. They are delicious,

and are \$3.29/lb.

Furthermore, purchasing food and other items in bulk when possible reduces packaging waste (reducing your waste) and also saves you money. Also, please remember to bring your reusable shopping bags when shopping for the holidays! This is an extremely simple step you can take to drastically reduce your waste.

It is estimated that 28 billion pounds of edible food is wasted each year. This is equivalent to more than 100 pounds per person. If you are hosting holiday gatherings, it is important to estimate the correct amount of food to purchase so you don't end up with too much or too little. General guidelines are as follows per person you are serving: 1 lb. turkey, 1/4 lb. stuffing, 1/4 lb. green bean casserole, and 1/8 of a 9" pie.

There are simple steps you can take to reduce your carbon footprint if you are going to be traveling for the holidays. The first would be to turn off lights in your home before you leave, and make sure your thermostat

is turned down as well. Having your car checked to ensure proper inflation of tires and a clean air filter will also reduce carbon emissions.

Using real plates, napkins and silverware will greatly reduce your waste over the holidays. In my opinion, I like eating a nice holiday meal with a real plate and a real fork over plastic. If you must use disposable, please consider purchasing biodegradable and compostable napkins, utensils and plates. These can be found at Whole Foods or Amazon.com.

When cleaning your house either before or after a holiday gathering, consider using non-toxic cleaners. Vinegar and newspaper works extremely well for windows, and baking soda with water is a great tub and sink scrub. Simple, non-toxic cleaner recipes are all over the internet, so take a couple minutes if you can to find even more.

Last, but certainly not least, please make sure you recycle everything you are able to. Plastic containers, beer cans and bottles, wine bottles, food cans, etc. Taking even a few of these simple steps will go a long way in your environmental impact during the holidays! Happy Thanksgiving!

### **SPORTING VIEWS**

# Now don't mess this up, Dolans

BY JEFF BING

The recent World Series appearance by the Indians certainly has created a much-needed surge in favorable publicity for the Tribe, translating into a bump in season ticket and - presumably, come next spring – general ticket sales as well.

Now, with everything looking rosy in Tribe Town, it's easy to get caught up in the hoopla and maybe even get the idea that suddenly - Indians management is nothing short of "brilliant."

Well, not so fast, Bucko.

Don't get me wrong: The organization has done many things right over the last few years, and some of you may even recall a Tribe World Series prediction by yours truly last spring. (You really didn't think I was going to NOT mention that, did you?) In fact, the mid-season trade in which the Indians parted with several top prospects to obtain Andrew Miller was a significant deviation outside the "norm" of traditional Tribe organizational thinking. Very outsidethe-box-ish, if you know what I mean.

I will be the first to admit that, after the injuries to Salazar and Carrasco, I tempered my optimism as to how far the Indians would get in the playoffs, and only a surreal stretch of incredible pitching carried them farther than logical minds thought they'd go. The Indians' collective bats never really did much in any of their playoff series, and that's where I become concerned about the Tribe heading into next year.

There are already some rumblings about the Indians not offering Mike Napoli a decent contract because of Napoli's cold spell in the playoffs. Granted, Napoli did a disappearing act in October, but then again, who didn't? If the Indians are going to play the "no productivity" card on a guy who hit 34 dingers during the regular season, then there are about another dozen guys on the roster – all of whom swung and missed with stunning frequency during the playoffs who shouldn't be offered contracts either then, right? Just sayin'.

I don't know if next year will be worthy of "Party at Napoli's" T-shirts, either, but the best way the Indians can tear down all the goodwill they re-established with their fan base over the past year would be to start looking like cheapskates again.

What I'm saying is that this group of players deserve another shot at delivering a World Championship before we summon the wrecking crew.

I mean, what do you suppose would have happened if the Cavs had dismantled their team after losing to the Warriors the year before last? Do you think they would have won the NBA Championship the next year? Yeah ... me neither.

Something to ponder, Larry and Paul.

### **Marine Environment Explorer Club starts for** middle school students

by RICHARD GASH

ay Sea Scouts is sponsoring an Explorer Club whose focus will be on maritime activities. The club is co-ed, and open to all students in sixth through eighth grade interested in learning boating skills and environmental exploration of our Great Lakes. Winter meetings will take place at Bay Presbyterian Church on Tuesdays, Nov. 15 and 29, and Dec. 13 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Activities during the colder months will be

STEM based and could include field trips to the William G. Mather ore boat, the Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Ohio State Stone Labs on Gibraltar Island. Summer activities will be on the water, and will

include instruction in sailing, kayaking and paddle boarding with certified instructors. The Sea Scouts will provide leadership to move the club forward and, as high schoolers, act as



Sea Scouts sailed Laser boats off the beach at Bay Boat Club this summer. The group is sponsoring a boating and marine exploration club for middle schoolers.

mentors.

The club to be named the Marine Environment Explorer Club 360 is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America Learning for Life program which con-

centrates on developing life skills, character, leadership and ethics. For further details contact Jennifer LaRiccia, Director of Exploring, at jennifer.lariccia@scouting.org or 216-458-8905.



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## Lake Erie Nature & Science Center wildlife staff member receives award

by MORGAN **PASKERT** 

¶im Jasinski, a wildlife rehabilitation specialist at the non-profit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, was recently recognized by the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association at their annual conference in Newark, Ohio, for his work in the field of wildlife rehabilitation.

OWRA is a nonprofit organization and its mission is to promote wildlife conservation by providing resources to wildlife rehabilitators, edu-

cators and the community. OWRA has over 250 members and provides consulting services to the Ohio Division of Wildlife regarding laws and regulations for wildlife rehabilitation in the state of Ohio. Each year OWRA provides a conference with workshops and general sessions on a wide variety of topics from non-profit management to wildlife care.

At each annual conference, the awards committee of OWRA recognizes a new rehabilitator in Ohio by presenting him or her with an award for demonstrating outstanding achievement and excellence in service.

"This award is very well-deserved and I cannot say enough positive things about Tim's work in the field of wildlife rehabilitation," said Amy LeMonds, Director of Wildlife at the Center, "Tim has no doubt demonstrated his commitment to the field of wildlife rehabilitation over the years."

As a child, Tim possessed a deep admiration for nature and wildlife, particularly birds, as he would frequently receive bird feeders and seeds for holiday and birthday presents. Since then, his love of birds has only continued to grow. Tim's interest different species, mainly birds.



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's wildlife rehabilitation specialist Tim Jasinski was recently recognized by the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association.

in Lake Erie Nature & Science Center began in 2006, when he found an injured Hairy Woodpecker that had struck a window. Tim brought the injured bird to the Center for treatment and began volunteering for the non-profit organization shortly after. In 2013, he reached his goal of becoming the Center's wildlife rehabilitation specialist.

Tim's favorite birds to seek out each year are gulls, waterfowl and warblers. In his spare time, he leads hikes for the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society and The Biggest Week in American Birding. He has received professional training through OWRA, National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association and the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council. In addition to being recognized for his service, Tim presented at this year's OWRA conference and provided education on how to care for sensitive species in a rehabilitation setting.

Tim, along with the rest of the expert staff at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, cares for about 1,400 young, sick and injured wildlife throughout the year composed of 120



### FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

### The curse of a focused mind

by RJ JOHNSON

have a very focused mind. This focus is helpful when I am writing sermons, or writing articles for the Observer. Sometimes this focus is not so helpful in daily life, because this focus means I can only process one thought at a time.

The other day, I was walking up the stairs from the basement to get a drink, and my wife asked, "Are you just going to leave that there?"

"Leave what where?" I asked.

She shook her head and pointed at a dirty dish sitting on the shelf next to the stairway, "That."

"Oh, I didn't notice it," I said.

"You didn't see the dish sitting right there as you walked by?" she inquired with some incredulity.

It would not be accurate to say that I did not see it. I am sure that I did see it in the same way that I saw the walls, the steps, the ceiling, and everything else within my field of vision. The problem was that it did not enter my field of consciousness. Sure, it was there. If it had been floating in midair in the path I was taking, I would not have bumped into it. I would have stepped around it, focused on the glass of water upstairs. It did not make it into the part of my brain that says, "Hey, there's a dirty dish there. You might want to do something with it."

"Well," I said, "not really."

I grabbed the dish, took it up to the kitchen, and put it in the dishwasher. My focused mind did it to me again. I had become so focused on getting the dish to the dishwasher that I forgot what I had gone upstairs to do.

This is a common problem for me. If I am going to the store to get two things, there is no need to make a list. I can walk from the car to the store thinking, "Milk and eggs. Milk and eggs." If I add a third thing, I need to send myself a text to remember the list. If not, I will get the milk, eggs, and a random third item, because I know I am supposed to get three things. I have no idea what the third thing is after I've grabbed the eggs.

Giving up on trying to remember what I had come upstairs to do, I started back down the stairs. Then it hit me. "I'm really thirsty," I thought. "Oh, right, I went upstairs to get a glass of water."

My wife noticed me turn around halfway down and head back upstairs. "What are you doing?" she asked.

"Just getting in some exercise," I said, embarrassed to admit what I was really doing. "I think I'll get a drink while I'm up there."

Many men have told me they have this same problem with being too focused. It's not that we can't see. It's that we can't process more than one thing at a time.

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#### THE DIGITAL WORLD

## WhatApps?

by TAK SATO

o, the headline above is not a typo. Although there is a popular messaging app that goes by a similar name, this week's article is not about that app either. Today I want to share with you some of the apps I frequently used on my Android-based smartphone in 2016. When there is the same app for iOS (i.e. iPhone), I will put "(iOS too)" at the end of the sentence.

As an Android-based smartphone user, I always envied the intuitive videochat experience that my wife enjoyed with the Apple-exclusive "FaceTime" app on her iPhone. Imagine my surprise when Google came out with the "Duo" app.

Duo is easy and intuitive to use like Apple's FaceTime and the best part of it is that "Duo" exists for iOS too! So unlike FaceTime where usage is limited to communication between Apple products, I can call my wife's iPhone that has Duo, from my Android-based smartphone, and start a videochat.

In both my personal and professional lives, I oft have a need to scan a document while on the go instead of waiting until I get back to my home office. For this I use an app called "CamScanner" (iOS too); it was the best \$4.99 I ever spent on an app.

There are other free and notable apps similar to CamScanner such as "Office Lens" (iOS too) and "Google Drive" (iOS too).

As a patron of Westlake Porter Public Library, there are two apps that I can't afford not to have. "Lynda: Learning New Skills With Online Courses" (iOS too) is a free app but normally requires a \$20 monthly subscription fee to access the training videos on multitude of subjects. But as a patron of WPPL, you can get in for free (monthly subscription fee is waived)! The other is "Zinio for Libraries" (iOS too) which allows library patrons to view magazines on your Power of One devices including a tablet.

There are times that I need to communicate sensitive information, like passwords, to people. Email and regular texting is insecure and leaves a trail of information on computers en route from A to B. That is why I use the "Signal" app (iOS too) for transmitting confidential information.

For an app that aggregates and categorizes news to your customized interest areas, I rely on "SmartNews" (iOS too). For a little fun, the "Lichess" app (iOS too) is a free chess game that can also be installed on a tablet if you want a bigger screen.

Although I'm lousy at it and can't even call myself a beginner yet, I would like to be a regular practitioner of meditation.

Lydia Gadd, Westlake's director of community services, has discussed the importance of breathing so I use the \$3.99 app "Breathing Zone" (iOS too) to practice.

Remember, apps are what make your smartphones and tablets so much more versatile and valuable!

### **Upcoming programs**

### at Bay Village Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

s we head into the holiday season, join us at the Bay Village branch library on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. for a showing of "The Polar Express." It's the perfect movie to get you into the holiday spirit. While you're here check out our seasonal displays and take home a good book or movie to enjoy with your family.

#### **CHILDREN**

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

- Mondays (10 a.m.) TODDLER STO-RYTIME – ages 19-35 months.
- Tuesdays (10 a.m.) TODDLER STO-RYTIME – ages 19-35 months.
- Tuesdays (6:45 p.m.) FAMILY STO-RYTIME – 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)
- Fridays (10 a.m.) FAMILY STORY-TIME - for all ages

Wednesday, Nov. 16 (3 p.m.) SOUND **BOARD ART -** Ages 11-14: In this workshop led by the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning, participants will explore the intersection of art and technology. Teens will create interactive 2-D art using found objects and paint. Sound will be added to the visual imagery created through the use of Bare Conductive technology. Teens will utilize a water-based electric paint that, with the touch of a finger, will transmit pre-recorded sounds using Arduino-like Touch Boards. Teens will bring their art to life electronically by choosing different sounds to play through the circuit/sensor board.

**Thursday, Nov. 17 (4 p.m.)** COOKIES AND BOOKS - Grades 3-5: Join us to discuss this month's title, "Rump: The true story of Rumpelstiltskin" by Liesl Shurtliff. The book will be available at the circulation desk.

**Saturday, Dec. 3 (2 p.m.)** ALL ABOARD THE POLAR EXPRESS – Join us for a craft, hot cocoa and cookies and a special screening of "The Polar Express." Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow or sleeping bag. A parent/guardian must sign a release form before the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library.

#### TEEN

#### Thursday, Dec. 1 (3 p.m.) WRITE ON!

- Grades 5-8: Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises and activities to get your creativity flowing. Registration required.

#### **ADULTS**

**Thursday, Nov. 17 (7 p.m.)** ARTS 4 LIFE FICTION CULMINATING EVENT – Join us to acknowledge and hear readings of their works by participants in the Arts4Life Fiction Writing Workshop.

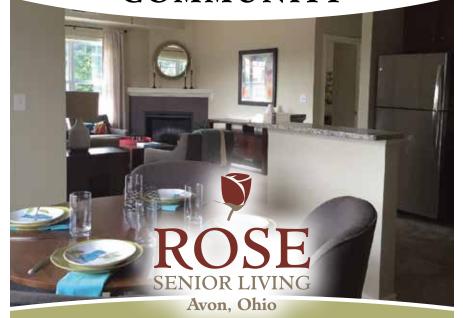
#### Thursday, Dec 8 (7 p.m.) NEIL ZURCH-ER: THE BEST OF ONE TANK TRIPS -

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# Westlake counseling center celebrates 25 years



Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, center, with Gerald and Christine Swartz of REACH Counseling Services, and Carol and David Ball of C.J. Hendry & Associates. Mayor Clough declared Nov. 10 as C.J. Hendry & Associates Day in the city of Westlake as he presented a proclamation saluting the counseling center for their 25 years of service to the community. The practice, which has transitioned to the ownership of REACH Counseling Services, will continue to operate as C.J. Hendry at 25000 Center Ridge Road.

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#### SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE HISTORY

### Two turkey tales about Bay Village

by KAY LAUGHLIN

or Thanksgiving, here are two turkey tales about our town.

#### **Powell Turkevs**

Thomas Powell of Olean, New York, purchased 80 acres of land, Lot #81, on the west side of Bradley Road from Nehemiah Hubbard. Thomas married Sophia Saddler. In 1850, Thomas built a clapboard house at 576 Bradley Road, which still stands. Thomas and Sophia had three children, Perry, Elisabeth and West.

Perry married Sarah Milner. His children were Isaac Clinton (I.C.), Elvie and Mary. Perry's son Clinton married Amanda Wuebker. Clinton built a house north of the old Powell house at 562 Bradley Road.

Their son, Roger Powell, raised turkeys. They were "free range" turkeys, meaning they roamed around the farm and were not cooped. Powell's turkeys were very popular. Most Bay Villagers purchased a fresh Powell turkey at Thanksgiving and Christmas in the 1940s and '50s. When the Powell farm was sold, everyone was sad. Where were they going to get their turkey?

I remember the family informing us that the Albright turkey sold at Carr's Market in Avon Lake was a Powell turkey. I ordered my turkey from Carr's for many years. I still have directions on how to cook a fresh Albright turkey. When the farm was sold, the land became a development of houses. Clinton Drive and Perry Drive are two of the streets in that development.

#### **The Turkey Caper**

The southwest corner of Wolf and Bassett roads passed from the Bassetts to the Aldrichs to Frank Meilander. Frank raised turkeys, grew vegetables, and had a fruit tree orchard. The Januska family lived on Foote Road.

Les Januska, still in high school in the late 1930s, worked a trap line along Porter Creek that ran behind Westerly School, under Bassett Road, along Wolf Road, through Huntington Park to Lake Erie. He trapped muskrat. Every morning before school, Les checked his traps.

One morning before Thanksgiving, while checking the traps, he noticed a car sitting in one of the Meilander farm fields. That was strange, and the car was not familiar. Seeing no one around it, he didn't think much more about it and headed off to school. Later that same day, Chief of Police John Eaton called the frightened Les out of class to ask him about the car. It seems that Les and his flashlight had interrupted turkey rustlers who ran off. The Meilanders had found the car that morning with its rear seat removed and the back filled with turkeys with their legs bound. The holiday dinners had been saved.

Les grew up, went off to war, returned and became one of Bay Village's most respected firemen. Westerly School is located on Meilander property. •

Correction: In the previous issue, contained incorrect information





This picture appeared on the cover of The News Saturday Magazine in 1955.

about the Starke family. The back part of the Henry Winsor house, which was not moved north up Bradley Road with the rest of his house, is part of the August Meilander house and not the Starke house.



### 'Deck the Halls' at Rose Hill Museum for the holidays

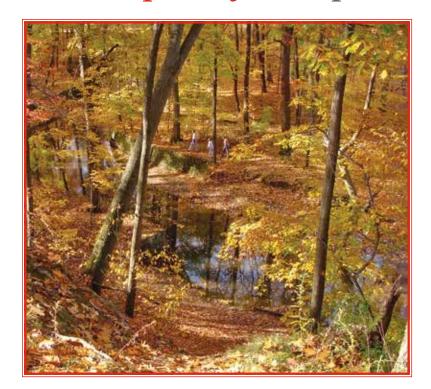
veryone is invited to "Deck the Halls" at Rose Hill Museum for the holidays. "Deck the → Halls," a seasonal exhibit presented by the Bay Village Historical Society on Nov. 20 through Dec. 18, focuses on holiday cheer, elegance and a bit of fun.

The Bay Village Historical Society, led by creative director Janet Zvara and holiday designer Janet Verdier, has hauled out the twinkle lights, ribbons and glitter, along with furs, long johns, mittens and mufflers for this display. Join them for a look at holidays past, and a salute to good cheer and a wonderful New Year.

Rose Hill Museum, 27715 Lake Road in Bay Village, is open free of charge on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., through Dec. 18. The museum reopens in April 2017. Group tours can be arranged by appointment. Phone 440-871-7338.

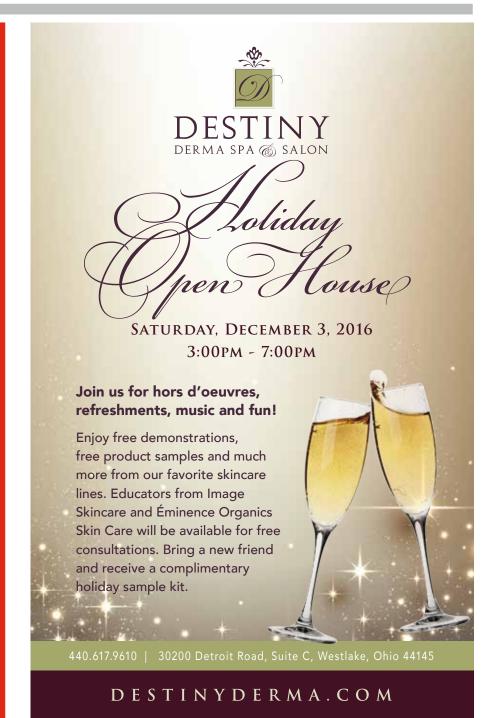


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## Bay Village civic groups planning holiday fun

by MARY KAY WILSON

The Bay Village Community Council held its quarterly meeting on Nov. 9. Representatives of many of the city's civic organizations shared news and notes about their upcoming activities. Following are some of the highlights.

**Bay Village Community Theater** is continuing their Staged Reading Series at Mojo's and O'Neill Healthcare. "Born Yesterday" readings will be at O'Neill Healthcare's Main Lounge on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. They will be performing Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" and Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales" adapted by Skip Corris, at Mojo's on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. and O'Neill Healthcare on Saturdays, Dec. 10 and 17 at 2 p.m.

The Bay Village Foundation continues its updating of Play in Bay. Much of the proposed work has been already completed and the project including a donor recognition wall, landscaping and beautification will be totally completed by spring 2017. Their annual fundraising solicitation letter is sent to every household in Bay Village, and is scheduled once again to be in the mail by the first week in December. Funds raised through this drive provide the financial support given to organizations in Bay to help maintain the quality of life in Bay Village. The Foundation will have grant applications available January to March. They encourage Bay civic groups to ask for project funding assistance.

The Bay Village Garden Club will hold "Christmas Greening Workshops" on Dec. 7 and 8. Participants will make fresh holiday arrangements. Four take-home projects will be available: a lighted mini-tree, a centerpiece, a wreath or a large outdoor display. The workshops are open to the public. See bayvillagegardenclub.com for details.

**Bay Village Historical Society** invites the community to explore the "Ethnic History of Cleveland," with David Bernatowicz, associate professor of history at Cuyahoga Community College. Bernatowicz is the featured speaker at the Nov. 17 potluck dinner and program. The event takes place at the Bay Village Community House.

RSVP to Steve Ruscher at 216-346-5645 or steveruscher884@gamil.com.

The Bay Village Kiwanis Club Christmas Tree Sale at the Cahoon Park gazebo will begin Nov. 26 and run each weekend until all the trees are sold.

The Bay Village Historical Soci**ety** and the Bay Village Kiwanis are asking Bay residents to join them in celebrating an old-fashioned community Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event will include a children's gingerbread house contest, the reading of holiday stories, caroling and crafts for kids in the Bay Village Community House, a visit by Santa Claus and the lighting of the community tree in the Cahoon Memorial Park gazebo.

**Bay Village Men's Club** meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Bay Lodge. Food and refreshments are provided, and there is always an interesting speaker. All Bay Village men are welcome and encouraged to attend. Dues are \$60 per year. The members of the club will be raking the leaves of Bay Village residents on Saturday, Nov. 19. If you know anyone who needs help with yard cleanup, contact Eric Eakin at 216-386-5997. Plans are also underway for the organization's centennial celebration, to be held at a time and date to be determined in 2017.

Bay Village PTA Council is holding a scholarship fundraiser called "Night at the Races," on Nov. 19 6-10pm at the Copper Cup. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine. Bet on races, have fun with sideboards and 50/50 raffles, and bid on silent auction items. Buy tickets, a horse, or sponsor a race. Benefits BHS seniors. A link to tickets and details is on bayvillageschools.com.

The Bay Village Women's Club and Foundation is having their Holiday Luncheon and Fundraising Raffle at Westwood Country Club in Rocky River on Thursday, Dec. 1. Social hour will begin at 11:30 and lunch will follow at 12:30. Entertainment will be provided by the Bay High School Choraleers directed by Devon Gess. All are invited to attend. For reservations and information, contact Lou at 440-871-3075. The Women's Club has Bay-themed items available for purchase. Contact Social hour is at 6 p.m., followed by Nancy at 440-334-7539 or Marilyn at Bay Library Book Sale will be held dinner and the 7 p.m. program. Please 时 440-892-4344 or visit www.baywom- 🗸 Jan. 28-31. 🗣

**BAYarts** will hold its Holiday Open House Weekend, Nov 19 and 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. BAYarts' Holiday Shop and Deck the Walls Gallery Exhibition will feature over 100 local artists presenting their work in our own winter wonderland. They will also be holding a Holiday Trunk Show on Dec. 8 from 6-9 p.m., a Men's Shopping Night on Dec. 17 from 3-7 p.m. and a Kids Shopping Day on Dec. 18 from noon-5 p.m. They are hosting a "Beer, Brats and Bingo" night on Jan. 13. Enjoy gourmet brats and pierogies along with some good old-fashioned bingo fun! Elvis will be in the house and local brews will be featured! Cost is \$25. Go to bayarts.net for more

Friends of Bay Village Kennel are in the process of planning a new Bay Village kennel for dogs and cats. An Animal Control Officer is being hired and a space is being identified. Partial funding is coming from an anonymous Bay Village resident/donor.

The Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's winter program registration is open. Go to lensc.org for more

The Women's Board of Lake **Erie Nature & Science Center** will hold a luncheon on Dec. 8 at Avon Oaks Country Club. Their annual fundraiser is at Clague Playhouse in Westlake on Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. Contact Karen, 440-670-6760, or Dixie, 440-773-7743, for more details or to purchase the \$25

VFW Post 9693 will soon announce the Bay High School student winner of their "Voice of Democracy" essay contest. The post will hold their holiday social on Dec. 13. They are working with Bay High to develop an ROTC scholarship and are working with the city to create a Veterans

The Village Bicycle Coopera**tive** holds volunteer training every Wednesday in the Community House. Visit villagebicycle.org for open shop hours and additional activities.

The Bay Village Library has some awesome programs this winter. Stop in for a Program Guide or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org/Branches/ Bay-Village.aspx. The Friends of the

# **BMS seventh-graders** learn about voting rights

by KAREN DERBY

alking to seventh-graders in Mr. Fitchpatrick's social studies class at Bay Middle School, Conda Boyd of the Bay Village League of Women Voters didn't just tell students that the right to vote is precious. She showed them how few of our citizens had that right early in our nation's history.

She began with having all students raise their hands. Group by group, they lowered their hands as they did not meet the earliest requirements to vote. "In 1776," she summarized, "an American citizen had to be white, male, a landowner or taxpayer, age 21 or older and not a resident of Washington, D.C., to vote." At the end of the demonstration, only Mr. Fitchpatrick still had his hand raised. She explained that since those early times, voting rights have expanded to include American citizens of all races, those without financial resources, women, and a lowered voting age requirement of 18 years.

Boyd also described the mechanics of voting, how the integrity of the system is protected, and how important it is for citizens to cast an informed vote.

"Voters should judge whether information they are getting is accurate and complete, and whether it is relevant," she said. Several examples of information, from newspaper endorsements to campaign advertisements on television and various websites, were given as examples. Students were asked to evaluate whether there might be bias in the information. Boyd also suggested they seek out opposing viewpoints and listen respectfully.

The League of Women Voters, started in 1920 after women won the right to vote, states its mission is to encourage informed and active participation in government.

Boyd described her interest in presenting to students the day following her visit.

"This election has been so ugly that I'm saddened to think young people might come away thinking politics is a blood sport," she said. "Or that they might conclude our American democracy is broken beyond repair. There is much that is right about America and about America's election systems. Each of us has a role in building on the foundation of democracy that previous generations have fought for, and some have laid down their lives for. Eventually, we will hand the baton to these seventh-graders. It's important to help them understand what an awesome responsibility - and what a beautiful thing – that is."

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### **Upcoming events** at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesday, Nov. 16 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursday, Nov. 17 (6:30-8 p.m.) **BOW WOW BOOKS -** Stop by the Youth Services Department and sign up your child for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog! Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and each Thursday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 16 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL **SOCIETY** - Sunny Morton presents "Urban Genealogy: Finding Ancestors in City Directories, Urban and Suburban Maps, Voting Records, Local Histories and Other Rich Local Records."

Thursday, Nov. 17 (2-3:15 p.m.) CAN'T MISS GIFTS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY LISTS - We will highlight trendy titles as well as share samples of great ideas for everyone on your holiday list, from a beautiful pop-up book for a grandchild to a colorful hardback for a gardening enthusiast and everyone in between! Please register.

Thursday, Nov. 17 (4-5 p.m.) TBD -Make an autumn leaf bowl. Grades 5-7.

Thursday, Nov. 17 (6:30-7:30 p.m.) and Friday, Nov. 18 (9:30 OR 11 a.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS: TEACH ME TO PLAY - This program is designed for children ages 3-6 who need help with communication and social skills. Join us for a play-based program designed to model and teach families strategies to improve their child's social interactions, facilitate communication and manage behavior in a positive way. Register at connectingforkids.org or by phone: 440-250-5563.

Friday, Nov. 18 (10 a.m.-noon) FIBER **FANATICS -** A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems, and show off.

Saturday, Nov. 19 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) TURKEY TIME CRAFTS! - It's almost time to celebrate Thanksgiving! Join us at the library and make some fun turkey crafts.

Saturday, Nov. 19 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY! - Celebrate the 9th Annual International Games Day! We'll have all kinds of different games to try out – come play an old favorite or try out something new!

Sunday, Nov. 20 (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. Please register.

Monday, Nov. 21 (1-1:30 p.m.) YOGA **RHYME TIME!** - This is a perfect way to introduce yoga and practice simple poses with rhymes. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Ages 3-1/2 to 5 with a caregiver.

Mondays, Nov. 21 and 28 (3:30-5:30 **p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE -** Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL's Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We have computers, video games, board games, snacks, and more! For grades 7-12 only.

Monday, Nov. 21 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKER MONDAY: FUN THINGS TO **3D PRINT -** Come and see the possibilities at this Maker Monday, and go home with a souvenir. If you see any projects to recommend in advance, and are one of the first 12 people on the list, email it to reference-2@westlakelibrary.org, and we'll see what we can do. Please register.

Wednesday, Nov. 23 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK **DISCUSSION -** The November selection is "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin.

Wednesday, Nov. 23 - LIBRARY CLOSES AT 5 P.M.

Thursday, Nov. 24 - THANKSGIV-ING DAY: LIBRARY CLOSED

Friday, Nov. 25 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY! - Scrat's epic pursuit of the elusive acorn catapults him into the universe where he accidentally sets off a series of cosmic events that transform and threaten the Ice Age World. Rated PG. All ages. Registration begins Nov. 18.

Saturday, Nov. 26 (10 a.m.-1 p.m.) **SAT PRACTICE EXAM -** Get ready for test time with an SAT practice exam. Results will be returned to students

the following week at the results session. Grades 9-12. Registration begins Nov. 19.

Saturday, Nov. 26 (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!

#### Tuesday, Nov. 29 (10 a.m.-noon) **CAREER TRANSITION CENTER:** IMPROVING INTERVIEWING SKILLS

- Preparation is the essential ingredient for a successful job interview. It starts with research to ensure the job is right for you and that you are well qualified and includes learning about the job and the company and preparing to answer difficult questions.

Tuesday, Nov. 29 (6-8 p.m.) UGLY **SWEATER PARTY -** Get ready for the holiday festivities by making your very own ugly sweater! We'll provide the sweaters and supplies, you bring the creativity to make them as tacky as possible! Grades 7-12. Registration begins

Wednesday, Nov. 30 (7-8:30 p.m.) **GREEN UP YOUR HOLIDAYS WITH DEAN'S GREENHOUSE - Learn new** and exciting ways to decorate your home, including porch pots, wreaths, swags and more, all with fragrant fresh greens and unique accents and touches. Special coupons and door prizes for attendees. Please register.

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



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# Remembering the life of former WHS principal George Reash

Reash, w h o served as Westlake High School's principal from 1969 to 1986, passed away on Nov. 10. He recently celebrated his 84th birthday.



George Reash

George's life and leadership philosophy embodied a "coach" approach that proved to empower many adults and youth into their greatest potential. He advocated on behalf of many causes, with specific interest in environmental repair and disadvantaged and minority people.

George worked alongside his wife, Janice Reash, who founded Westlake's first mental health center. Far West Center as part of the St. John Westshore Health Campus. George was also the facilitator of many faith-based and enrichment classes in Northeast Ohio after retiring from the Westlake school system. Throughout his life, he was a continuous learner in many subjects, with a passion for World War II, the life of Dietrech Bonhoeffer, and a broad range of personal development issues.

After a longtime residency in Westlake, George and Jan moved to Bay Village and enjoyed membership at the Bay Village United Methodist Church, where a Memorial Service is planned on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m.



THE MEDICAL INSIDER

## **Cutting Drug Costs, Part 1: Start with your doctor**

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Part one of a three-part series on ways to manage drug costs.

ome facts just throw me. Here's one: The U.S. makes up less than 5 percent of the world population, but buys more than 50 percent of its prescription drugs. Are we that sick? Wealthy? Pill-happy?

Yet, according to a 2015 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report, almost 1 in 10 Americans don't take their medications as prescribed because

they can't afford to. As a veteran internist, I consider myself wellschooled and informed on this issue.

Last Friday morning, I was juggling two rooms and running an hour behind, when I got a call. It was about an antibiotic I'd ordered earlier that morning. Because of the patient's drug allergies, I'd opted for an old timer: nitrofurantoin. This little beauty has been around since the 1950s—the days of jukeboxes and poodle skirts. Just right for the job.

"For a few days," I'd said to my patient, "it won't break the bank."

Well I was wrong.

The pharmacist informed me, ever so politely, that this drug would've cost my patient \$150 for a 7-day treatment.

Was I surprised? Not hit-bya-falling-piano surprised, but more like step-on-an-unknownbrownish-yellow-semi-solid surprised.

According to a 2016 Consumer Reports poll, while 6 percent of people were informed of a new drug's cost during a doctor's visit, "63 percent didn't learn the price of the drug until they were standing at the pharmacy counter." I've always instructed my patients that if the drug I prescribe is too expensive, don't touch it; have the pharmacy call me first.

And here's what I do - order

generic (the same drug as its brand-name counterpart, without the fancy kiwi flavor). For example, Lipitor, Pfizer's \$100-billion-dollar prize bull in the fight against cholesterol, costs \$353.44 a month; the generic (atorvastatin) costs \$17.72.

No cheap generic available? I look for sister drugs in the same class (drugs that share similar efficacy but differ in minor side effects). Nexium, a drug for reflux and stomach ulcers, costs \$220 a month; omeprazole costs \$15.99 for 42 tablets.

Another thing I do often and easily is separating combination pills. The diabetic drug Actoplus Met XR 15/1000 (pioglitazone and metformin) costs \$373.77 a month. But if I write a prescription for each drug separately, I can get the price down to about \$30.

Ideally, the cost conversation should start at the doctor's office. But if you're caught at the pharmacy counter, call. There are too many reasons for unpleasant surprises: a generic drug's sudden price hike, insurance's everchanging coverage, Big Pharma's unchecked profit motive ... or maybe there's an off off-chance that your confident and "wellschooled" physician just didn't know what she was talking about.

On Friday, working with the ever-so-patient pharmacist, I ended up switching the antibiotic. Not my first choice. But the alternative cost a few bucks and would do the job nicely.

Later that day, I looked up the wholesale price of my little 60-year-old beauty: \$0.005 to \$0.46 per pill. Sigh.

### PET CARE

# Are there nuisance dogs in Bay Village?

by DENNIS DRISCOLL

s many Bay Village dog owners are aware, the Bay Village City Council Lis conducting an overall review of the Chapter 505 ordinances regarding dogs.

Consideration is being given to enacting a new classification or classifications of dogs - "nuisance dog" or "potential nuisance dog" – to the existing classifications of "dangerous dog" and "vicious dog."

The purpose in enacting this new classification is to deter a minor animal incident from escalating to a serious animal incident. In considering this new classification, it is important that the classification be effective, while not overburdening or overly complicated.

If enacted, the definition of a "nuisance dog" or "potential nuisance dog" will probably closely parallel the State of Ohio's definition of a nuisance dog, which is "a dog that without provocation while off premises of its owner, keeper, or harborer has chased or approached a person in either a menacing fashion or an apparent attitude of attack or has attempted to bite or otherwise endanger any person."

It is important to note that this definition only extends to a dog attacking a person and not another domestic animal, that is, a dog or cat. To increase the effectiveness of this classification as a deterrent to avoid a serious incident, consideration should be given to expand the definition to include an attack against another dog or cat. For example, the definition could be expanded to include: (1) an attack on another domes-

tic animal which resulted in a serious injury to the domestic animal; or (2) within a period of 12 months, has bitten two domestic animals.

If the classification of "nuisance dog" or "potential nuisance dog" is enacted, the related issue includes the restraint restrictions imposed on the dog. In addition to ensuring that the dog is properly confined on the owner's property, there are likely to be restrictions relating to when the dog is off the premises of the owner and to the general ownership of the dog.

Common restrictions which may be applied to the dog while it is off the premises of the owner are: (1) restraining the dog with a non-retractable leash; (2) identifying the dog with a designated yellow leash, collar or similar item; and (3) muzzling the dog.

Restrictions for ownership of the dog which may be applied to the dog could include: (1) posting an information sign in the yard that the premises has a "nuisance dog," similar to a posting for a dangerous or vicious dog; (2) providing a photo of the dog and microchip information to the police; (3) informing the police if the dog gets loose or bites a person or animal; and (4) maintain liability insurance of at least \$10,000.

In conjunction with consideration of an additional classification of dog, the City Council is considering enacting a Three Strike Rule. Under such an ordinance, upon a dog violating the animal-at-large ordinance for a third time, the dog would be classified as a "nuisance dog" or "dangerous dog."

Along with the possible enactment of this additional dog classification, consideration is also being given to enacting an ordinance for declassifying a classified dog. A declassifying ordinance would allow a dog to be declassified upon completing certain requirements, e.g., dog obedience training, and upon completing a period of time without a follow-up incident.

Information about the proposed Chapter 505 legislation can be obtained from the Bay Village City Council Meeting Agenda website, "Chapter 505 Green Paper, September 6, 2016." If you would like to provide your input on this proposed legislation, you should contact your Bay Village City Council member and attend a future Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee meeting on this topic.



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# BAYarts Holiday Shop opens for the season

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

he annual and much-anticipated BAYarts Holiday Shop kicks off the season with an open house weekend on Nov. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alongside the usual shop offerings, BAYarts has expanded the experience with their "Deck the Walls" gallery experience of affordable art on display that can be purchased right off the walls. And as always, there will also be the Fuller Coffee Kiosk serving handmade pastries and warm drinks, including the special Hot Chocolate bar.

Vibrant new shop manager Linda Goik is bringing many new artists into the shop, as well as including the traditional favorites. Look for: Toot Sweet Soap Shack's natural sugar scrubs, stuffed animals by Whimsy Folk, original watercolor illustration by Angela Oster, beaded earrings by Arts Paradis, wooden home decor pieces by The Crafty Buggar, photography by Al Fuchs and Larry Kasperak, and printed goods by Fourfishink.

As a special during the open house weekend, there will be a ceramics sale going on in the new studio.

Executive Director Nancy Heaton has solid reasons for why people should shop local as they buy gifts for friends and family this holiday season.

"You get to hone in on items

tailored to where you live, and you can see that in many of our shop shirts and ornaments that proudly have images and names of Ohio, Cleveland, Bay Village, Lakewood, Lake Erie. ... What's wonderful is that you learn about these local artisans, so

you learn about these local artisans, so you actually know and have talked those who made the candles you have in your home, or who knit the scarf you're wearing. That's special."

There are also additional reasons that add to the cause. "By encouraging your community you support local jobs and businesses that then give back," says



This picture shows one section of last year's holiday shop, which expands out into the entire first floor of the BAYarts Huntington House.

Heaton. "So, in embracing what makes where we live unique, you also make it thrive in an economic sense. Statistics prove that money spent at local businesses generate more wealth for the local economy. Shopping local in NE Ohio is going to directly help NE Ohio, and that's one of the reasons for why we're so passionate about promoting local artists year-round. Our mission is to nurture

the community."

The shop will remain up until Christmas, and there are several events scheduled during the season, which can be found on the bayarts.net website.

BAYarts Holiday Shop is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with extended hours on Thursdays until 8 p.m.; and Sundays noon-5 p.m. There is always free gift wrapping and holiday music.

### **WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS**

# Westlake math clubs going strong

by KIM BONVISSUTO

he Math Clubs at Westlake High School, Lee Burneson Middle School and Dover Intermediate School are all ranked on the National Top 100 list in the Math Madness Contest.

The weekly online challenge involves thousands of school districts and over 40,000 students from around the country. Students tackle eight new challenging questions each week.

Westlake's teams are in the bracket rounds advancing each week as they take on schools from Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Connecticut, California, New York, Texas, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Hawaii and more. This is the third year Westlake Schools has participated under advisor Anne Dill.

"The students have the combined excitement of feeling united as part of a team while competing, yet also having the ability to improve their own personal scores each week," Dill said, adding that parents Laura Lathem, Beth Karpuszka and Gene DeAngelis, along with teachers Trish Kosik, Cathy

Pietroski and Lisa Zollos, help out with the planning and technology for the more than 100 students involved in the Math Clubs.

WHS students Akshya Dhinakaran and Talya Jeter compete at the high school level while also volunteering to help explain problem solving techniques to younger students after each match.



Westlake students participate in the national Math Madness Contest, an online challenge involving more than 40,000 students.



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### From teen volunteer to award-winning volunteer administrator

by KATHY RIGDON

ongratulations to Sarah Perez-Stable, Youth Challenge's Director of Volunteer Services, for being named 2016's Volunteer Administrator of the Year. The Forum for Volunteer Administrators recognized Sarah's creative and

inspiring leadership, her dedication to YC's hundreds of volunteers and her commitment to the mission of Youth Challenge.

She started as a teen volunteer at YC while a student at Magnificat and now Sarah passionately dedicates countless hours to recruit, educate, and empower more than 450

teen volunteers. For 40 years, YC has been a haven for kids with physical disabilities and their teen volunteer partners to learn and grow through adapted sports and recreation. If you would like more information about becoming a teen volunteer, call the Westlake office at 440-892-1001.

YC Director of Volunteer Services Sarah Perez-Stable, left, with Mary Sue Tanis, founder and executive director, at the Forum for **Volunteer Administrators** annual conference where Perez-Stable was honored with the Volunteer of the Year award.



### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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

#### Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1 p.m. **Westlake Garden Club Meeting**

Karen Patterson, retired history teacher, former seasonal park ranger, and volunteer for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, will take us on a guided tour of the National Parks and focus on the National Park in our back yard. Learn about the hiking and biking trails, picnic areas, historic areas, a beaver marsh, abundant wildlife and much more. Please join us for this educational and enlightening program. Call 440-665-5463 for more information or to RSVP. Refreshments will be served. Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center

#### Wednesday, Nov. 16, 5:30 p.m. **Free Community Meal and Thanksgiving**

Prince of Peace Lutheran and Westlake United Methodist invite you to gather for a free home cooked meal as together we give thanks for the blessings of the season. The meal is served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and is followed by a worship service with music by combined choirs and an open communion celebration. Pastors Sherman Bishop of Prince of Peace Lutheran and Mollie Brown of Westlake United Methodist will officiate. All are welcome. Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6-8 p.m. St. Raphael School Open House

All interested people are invited to learn more about St. Raphael School. Student tour guides will give tours and answer questions. Kindergarten classrooms will be open and the teachers will be talking about kindergarten. Our Fall Fest book fair will also be taking place. Representatives from Home & School, School Advisory and Administration will be there to greet and answer any questions. St. Raphael School, 525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village

#### Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:30-8 p.m. **Learning for Life Series: "Why Life Sucks: Enjoying the Lightness of Being"**

Join Dr. Param Srikantia and explore the secrets of happiness practiced for centuries by cultures and civilizations around the world. The lecture will help you live each moment with wakefulness and a sense of vitality, experiencing a profound appreciation of life rather than the chronic, restless discontent that usually envelops us. Free and open to the public. Tri-C Westshore, 31001 Clemens Rd., Westlake

#### Thursdays, Nov. 17 and Dec. 1, 7-8 p.m. **Westlake Toastmasters Meeting**

Find out how Toastmasters can help you overcome your fears of speaking, develop better speaking and presentation skills, learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet, build strong leadership and mentoring skills, and open doors in your personal and professional life. Contact: Mary Anne, 216-374-3205. Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake

#### Friday, Nov. 18, 2-3 p.m. **Creative Connections**

Arts sessions for individuals with memory loss and their care partners. Participate in visual art activities, music, storytelling, poetry and dance. No cost. Pre-register at 440-414-0434, ext. 2. 26040 Detroit Rd., #3, Westlake

#### Friday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. **Family History Photo Dating**

Lysa Stanton, president of the Westlake Historical Society, presents Family History Photo Dating. Sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Center. Family History Center, 25000 Westwood Rd.,

#### Saturday, Nov. 19, and Sunday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**BAYarts Holiday Shop Open House** Avoid the lines and shop local this Christmas!

BAYarts' Holiday Shop & Deck the Walls Gallery Exhibition feature over 100 local artists presenting their work in our winter wonderland. Browse art in all disciplines and unique gift items that will please everyone on your list! BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

#### Saturday, Nov. 19, 4-6:30 p.m. **Bay Village Boy Scout Troop 235 Spaghetti Dinner**

The diner will feature Tony Dostal's famous homemade spaghetti sauce, salad, bread and delicious pies. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors & children 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. Tickets available at the door. Bay Presbyterian Church, 25415 Lake Rd.

#### Saturday, Nov. 19, 5:30-8 p.m. **Bay Village Community Band**

Join us for our first annual Big Band Bash! The evening will feature the Village Jazz Orchestra (BVCB's newest ensemble) and the sounds of big band, swing and jazz. Dinner and other entertainment will be included with each \$20 ticket. Purchase tickets online at bvcb.org. Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 22, 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, dance, poetry, song, or TimeSlips storytelling. Preregister by calling 440-414-0434

26040 Detroit Rd., #3, Westlake

#### Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Westside Flea: Small Business Saturday**

A free, fun event for the whole family. We offer a unique blend of creative, talented vendors, food trucks, music, friendly alpacas and more. All vendors donate an item valued at \$10 or more for our raffle to benefit the Battered Women's

Shelter. We encourage all who attend to bring a donation of new socks, gloves or scarves for Family Promise, a family homeless shelter. Church on the Rise, 3550 Crocker Rd., Westlake

#### Monday, Nov. 28, 11:30 a.m. **Bay Village Garden Club**

This is a hands-on meeting where we will have fun creating a unique wreath for seniors and a table decoration for cancer patients in our community. Our Care and Share meeting is a perfect opportunity to meet members and learn about the club. Luncheon will be served and reservations are required for guests. Call Sharen at 440-871-9098 or visit bayvillagegardenclub.com to make reservations. \$5 fee for quests. Bring gloves, clippers and scissors, and greens and accessories you may have to share. Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.

#### Thursday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free Medicare Check Up Days

Counselors from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) will help you review your insurance and answer any questions about your Medicare coverage. Schedule an appointment to make sure your current health or drug plan is the most cost effective for you and learn about the different coverage options. By appointment only; call Kathy Bultema at 440-250-2300, ext. 4402, to

Devon Oaks Assisted Living, 2345 Crocker Rd.,

#### Thursday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Senior Resources Health Fair**

Learn about the newest healthcare resources available in skilled nursing, assisted living, memory care, home health, hospice, elder law

University Hospitals St. John Medical Center, Bldg. 2, Aud. A & B, 29000 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake



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