

SPORTING VIEWS

Could the Tribe really be better than last year?

by JEFF BING

Opening Day in the Major Leagues has finally arrived. We can now get down to the business of enjoying Indians games that count. While discussing (with some friends at work) this year's Tribe and how they compare to the 2016 version, a co-worker said I made it sound like the 2017 version will be far superior to last year's almost-champion.

So let's take a look at the infield for 2017 version (or at least what I presume it to be).

First base: Edwin Encarnacion has to be considered – at the very *worst* – as good as the departed Mike Napoli. But Edwin shall be platooning with Carlos Santana, whom I can't see duplicating his 2016 season. Regardless, Encarnacion is an upgrade, and even if Carlos slips a bit as anticipated, the worst I see is a wash, because Encarnacion is the real deal, folks. But I truly think overall production at first will be a plus over last season.

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Westlake Council of PTAs honors its Founders' Day award winners

by MARY ESSIG

Westlake Council of PTAs recently held its annual PTA Founders' Day dinner and awards ceremony at Wagner's of Westlake.

Each February, PTA units across the country celebrate the founding of PTA over 100 years ago, and honor the contributions of those who enrich our students' experiences and are dedicated to the PTA mission. Westlake Council's Founders' Day event recognizes the many people who contribute to making a difference for our students and schools in Westlake by presenting three types of awards, all of which are decided based on nominations from the school and PTA community.

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Ariana Curran of Bay Village shows off her bunny basket at last year's Westlake City Easter Egg Hunt. This year's event will take place April 8 starting at 1 p.m. on the grounds of the Westlake Recreation Center. See story on page 4.

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THE GREEN REPORT

Celebrating Earth Day in Bay!

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

On Earth Day, which is Saturday, April 22, this year, the Bay Village Green Team will be hosting two events in the Bay Village Police Station parking lot: a Habitat for Humanity collection from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and a shredding day from 9 a.m.-noon.

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore collects new, used and reclaimed building materials, furniture, appliances, landscaping and more. Please bring unwanted appliances (both large and small), plumbing, cabinets, doors, electronics, flooring, windows, furniture, paint, lighting, lumber and tools to the Bay Village Police Station on April 22 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. There are items that are NOT accepted at this drop-off, including clothing, mattresses, hazardous material, torn or heavily damaged furniture, opened paint or unframed glass. For a complete listing of items that are and are not accepted, please visit cleveland-habitat.org/restore/donations.

The Bay Village Green Team is also hosting a shredding day at the same location, between the hours of 9 a.m.-noon.

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Bay students learn about health, wellness

by KAREN DERBY

Bay Middle School students learned from the experts last week about nutrition, healthy life choices, internet safety, CPR, fitness and many other aspects important to living a long and healthy life.

Bay Village Schools nurse, Chanda Wall, organized the Health and Wellness Day. "Some

of the topics here are not addressed in the classroom, and even for those that are, it is always good to have students exposed to healthy behaviors through different venues," she said. She hopes the information sparks good discussions at home and guides those who might be having health issues in the right direction.

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Bay Village firefighters taught students about fire safety and let them experience the heft and importance of their firefighting gear.

PHOTO BY KAREN DERBY

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Greenspan holds roundtable on criminal justice

by CONDA BOYD

State Rep. Nathan Manning (R-District 55), chair of the House Criminal Justice Committee, joined Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-District 16) for a roundtable discussion at Bay Library on March 20. Rep. Manning talked about legislation before his committee and answered questions from an audience of five local officials and seven citizens.

Legislation

Examples included:

- HB30 – Add prison term if permanently disable victim
- HB38 – Increase penalty for murder or assault of certain persons
- HB56 – Expunge criminal record if caused by human trafficking
- HB63 – Add prison term if disfigure or incapacitate victim
- HB81 – Prohibit death sentence if have serious mental illness
- HB95 – Enhance penalty for moving violations while distracted
- HB109 – Increase penalty if offend against elderly or disabled

Some bills are introduced in response to specific cases. Rep. Manning acknowledged that this can result in overly complex laws. Moreover, some argue that judges already have discretion to impose a range of penalties to fit a crime. Another philosophical question is whether to increase the penalty for a crime, or the level of the crime – for example, whether a misdemeanor should be a felony, or a misdemeanor in a higher degree.

The last General Assembly started to recodify Ohio's criminal laws. The commission report is expected out in the next several months and may be broken into two sets of recommendations: clarifications and changes in substance.

Prisons

Ohio is fourth in the country in prison population, and first in the number of people on probation. The state's jails and prisons are about 11,000 over their 50,000-person capacity. Beds are simply added to existing cells in order to accommodate new prisoners. This presents dangers for both inmates and guards.

Including administrative costs, each prisoner costs Cuyahoga County \$85-\$100 a day. Edward Kraus, Director of Regional Collaboration and a former prosecutor, noted that with the help of an Arnold Foundation grant, the county wants to shift bail to a risk-

based assessment, so that defendants likely to flee or do harm are retained, while low-risk individuals can return to the community and their jobs while awaiting trial.

There is currently no legislative measure to privatize prisons.

Opiate Crisis

After the biennial budget has passed, a task force will be constituted to address the opiate crisis. Possible measures include education, treatment, inpatient admission, medication and establishing regional detox centers. Rep. Greenspan noted that it is an economic as well as a human problem: if businesses cannot find job applicants who can pass a drug test, they will not locate in or move to Ohio.

Other Issues

Fairview Park Police Chief Erich Upperman discussed the need to help fund MARCS radios, especially for smaller safety departments that have already been hit with reductions in local government funding. The relative efficacy of enhancing suicide prevention programs versus adding fencing to bridges was also discussed.

Next Roundtables

Rep. Greenspan plans to hold discussions featuring issues before each of the Ohio House's standing committees at 10 a.m. on Mondays. Next up: State & Local Government Issues, April 10 at the Fairview Park Library. ●

FROM THE PUBLISHERS

A note about paper distribution

It has recently come to our attention that full stacks of Observer issues were taken from one of our established distribution points in the community. While this was just independently confirmed, our verified audits suggest it has been going on in several locations for some time.

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The Observer takes great pride in the civic-minded volunteers of all ages that participate in the paper, sharing the good news, great people and interesting events in our cities. We are grateful to the community businesses that offer to serve as distribution points, and to our loyal readers and advertisers for their support.

Sincerely,
Denny and Tara Wendell
Publishers

INDIANS *from front page*

Second base: This position will be kind of convoluted, at least at the beginning, since the regular, Jason Kipnis, is out with rotator cuff issues (and don't be surprised if it is a problem all year – I once experienced a “minor” tear and it took forever to heal).

Although Kipnis' leadership will be missed, he's not exactly being replaced with chopped liver. Jose Ramirez is moving over from third to play second while Kipnis is on the mend, and Ramirez led the team with a .312 batting average last year. Can Ramirez do it again? I think he will be at least adequate offensively, and he is superior to Kipnis in defensive ability. So I will call this a wash. However, when Kipnis does return, I don't look for him to play as well as last year, as I think the injury will most likely hamper Jason all season. So overall, I see second base being a slight step backward.

Shortstop: Barring injury or some other unforeseen catastrophe, the Indians should be set here for the next dozen years or so. What a player! If Francisco Lindor comes close to duplicating last season, it will be a success. He's raised the bar so high, it's difficult to see him doing much more than what he accomplished last year. On the other hand, he is still a kid. Let's call this “even” and I'd be thrilled with that.

Right about now Cooperstown should be deciding where they're going to build the Francisco Lindor wing. He's that good.

Third base: Here's the biggest question mark in the infield. Deciding to go with a rookie – Yandy Diaz – totally surprised me. The man swings a potent stick, but his defense can – and probably will – cost the team a game here or there. I have to trust Francona on this one though, because his decisions over the past four years have been exemplary. I have to assume that Tito figures if Yandy can't handle third while Jose fills in at second, we have plenty of other guys who can field but not really hit much. Since Ramirez was so good last year at third, you have to look at this position as a step back from last year, but Diaz could make me sing a different tune very fast.

Catcher: I have had this gut feeling (but maybe it's from my gall bladder surgery) that Yan Gomes will have an awesome comeback year. Since we didn't get much overall offensively from the catchers last year, there is nowhere to go but up. That's not to discount their collective abilities to call a game and play good defense, but you throw a competent bat in at catcher and offensively the lineup has few holes.

How 'bout next issue we look at the outfield and the pitching? Until then, let's “Play ball!” ●

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WESTLAKE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

March Madness hits Westlake

by JIM DISPIRITO

March Madness invaded the Westlake Recreation Center! Thursday, March 23, and Saturday, March 25, saw over 100 teams in grades 3-8 participate in the annual basketball event. Teams from all over the area came to showcase their talents on the hardwood court.

On Thursday night, 38 girls teams with names such as the Hot Shots, Beastly Ballers, Ninja Ballers and Storm Squad caught the March Madness Fever. The winners of the girls division were: Crazy Cavs (grades 3/4), 4K (grades 5/6), and The Older 4K (grades 7/8).

Over 60 boys teams stormed the hardwood on Saturday. Teams like The Lane, C-Town Swish and Shamrock Shake started things off for the third and fourth grade boys at 8:30 a.m. Other teams like Legit Ballers, West Side Savages and Dunkin Demons followed suit. The winners of the daylong boys tournament were: Just Ballers (grades 3/4), Dunkin Demons (grades 5/6), and the



PHOTO BY MEGAN WEISS

Girls basketball teams compete in the annual Westlake Recreation Center basketball tournament.

Swat Team (grades 7/8).

The winning girls and boys teams walked away with T-shirts and bragging rights for the year.

The tournament is open to any and all players from around the area. Each roster may have up to four players on it with three playing at a time. Each game is played to

15 points or a 15-minute time limit. At any given time there are as many as eight games going on at once inside the Westlake Recreation Center's gym. Each year the tournament tries to play as close to St. Patrick's Day as possible, so mark down that date and start thinking up those cool team names! ●

Porter Library celebrates National Library Week, April 9-15

by DEBBIE LOIACONO

“Libraries Transform,” a national public awareness campaign, highlights the critical role libraries play in the digital age. For education, jobs or lifelong learning, the resources at your library can transform your life.

In celebration of National Library Week, Westlake Porter Public Library will host two very special authors. On Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m., meet Cleveland Heights author Tricia Springstubb, writer of popular children's books including “Every Single Second” and “Moonpenny Island.” When Tricia was in her late 20s, she began wanting not only to read stories, but to live inside them. She started to write her own stories with a dream in mind, to nurture and inspire children to become lifelong readers. We are so pleased to present this delightful children's author as she discusses her journey to becoming a writer.

Cleveland author James

Renner visits on Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. As a reporter for Cleveland Scene, James uncovered new clues in the cold-case murder of Amy Mihaljevic. A tenacious journalist, he spent months researching the Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus abductions. In addition to true crime, James has also written two novels, “The Man from Primrose Lane” and “The Great Forgetting.” His presentation will focus on fiction. The novels begin as mysteries, then segue into science-fiction stories. Rumor has it there is interest from Hollywood in turning his book, “The Man From Primrose Lane,” into a movie or television series. We look forward to learning more about the craft of writing from this “shamelessly entertaining” and accomplished author.

We very much hope that you will visit Westlake Porter Public Library in April in celebration of National Library Week. This month and every day of the year, your library is here for you. See for yourself how libraries transform. ●



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EARTH DAY *from front page*

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It is environmentally responsible to take part in the shredding day if you need sensitive documents destroyed, as it is all recycled. When you shred documents at home, they are not recyclable curbside and must be discarded with trash. If you are not able to attend on April 22, please know that the UPS Store will shred

(and recycle) documents for you. For both the Habitat and shredding collections, the Green Team is looking for volunteers. High school students are welcome, and this will count toward community service hours. Please contact Laura Crabb at 440-823-2750 if you would like to volunteer.

The shredding day is made possible by a grant awarded to the City of Bay Village by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, as well as a donation from Creative Wealth Associates.

The Bay Village Green Team is also participating in a Spring Waterways cleanup on Saturday, May 27. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Bay Village and Bay High School's Project Earth Club with support from the Bay Village Foundation. Vol-

unteers will pick up trash along the Cahoon Creek, Bay Boat Club, Porter Creek, and the Lake Erie waterfront. After winter, there is always a lot of trash to be collected, and it's important to do so before it gets out into Lake Erie. If you plan to volunteer, please dress for the weather and make sure you wear shoes that you don't mind getting muddy. The meeting time and location have yet to be announced, so please check the Observer or bay-villagegreenteam.org for updates.

Lastly, I can't write a column about Earth Day without mentioning EarthFest, put on by the Earth Day Coalition. EarthFest will be held on April 22, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.,

at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. There will be activities and exhibits, as well as music and food trucks. Guaranteed to be a good time for the whole family! Check out earthdaycoalition.org for more details.

Please make sure you celebrate the Earth this Earth Day! Along with the activities above, there are plenty of things you can do on your own, such as picking up trash in your neighborhood and as

you go about your day. This helps prevent plastics from getting into the sewer system and out into the lake, so you can essentially perform a beach cleanup everyday on your own! Happy Earth Day, everyone! ●



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

On April 22 the Bay Village Green Team will be hosting two events in the Bay Village Police Station parking lot: a Habitat for Humanity collection from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and a shredding day from 9 a.m.-noon. This file photo shows the types of items collected in the past.

HEALTH *from front page*

Ken Hehnen and Rich Mecklenburg, paramedics and CPR instructors from University Hospitals and Mercy Medical Service Training Institute, helped students experience compression-only CPR. "There are three steps," said Hehnen. "Scene is safe, call 911, get down to the chest and begin immediate chest compression. This is known to have saved many lives." Hehnen said that after introducing students to the process and letting them use the compression dummies, they encourage them to take available full-blown CPR training available at University Hospitals and St. John Medical Center.

Barb Baird with the Nord Center wanted students to be aware of help available for a

variety of mental health issues via a 24/7 emergency/crisis help line. "We now have information on the new texting crisis hotline available to anyone in Ohio. With the younger generation, especially, they're more inclined to text than to pick up a phone and call if they need some help. So we're trying to distribute some information on that, as well."

Cheryll McCarty, Bay Village PTA Council president, was offering healthy snacks on behalf of moms everywhere who want to see their children make healthier food choices. "I'd love to see this expand to all our schools and community," she said, noting that many PTA members were on hand to help organize the prizes students could win by visiting more exhibits.

Two dozen exhibitors took part in the event, including the American Diabetes Associa-

tion, Associates in Dermatology, Barnes & Noble, Bay Family Services, Bay Middle School PTA, Bay Village police and fire departments, Cleveland Foundry (rowing), Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Epilepsy Foundation, the FBI, Gathering Place, Dr. Nick Gravino and Associates, Healthy Smile with Dr. Edelstein and team Heinen's, LifeBanc, Nord Center, Perfect Fit Health Club, Robeks of Westlake, University Hospitals (UH) CPR education, UH outreach, UH nutrition, UH sports institute, and Walgreens.

"Involving kids with creative, hands-on experience, and engaging them in some of these health fair activities, really allows them to see the benefits of healthy behaviors first-hand," Wall said. "The information is more likely to stick with them during these critical years of their lives." ●

Westlake's Easter Egg Hunt set for April 8

by AL PSOTA

The Westlake Town Criers announce this year's Westlake City Easter Egg Hunt and Candy Scramble will again be held at the Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd., on Saturday, April 8.

There will be two candy scrambles: the first at 1:00 p.m. for ages 4 through 6, and the second at 1:30 p.m. for ages 7 through 10. At these times the children will scramble for wrapped candy and also for special eggs redeemable for stuffed animals. For children age 3 and under, there is a non-competitive Easter Egg Hunt where the child hunts for plas-

tic eggs that are redeemed for candy and prizes.

There will also be live, six-foot-tall Easter Bunnies available for pictures, in addition to refreshments and face painting courtesy of the Westlake High School National Honor Society.

The hunts are held at the outdoor playground area. Come early as the hunts start promptly and parking is limited.

This event is sponsored by the Westlake Town Criers with support from the Westlake Giant Eagle and the Westlake Recreation and Service Departments.

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BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Colagiovanni earns BVHS scholarship

by ERIC EAKIN

Laura Colagiovanni has been selected to receive the Bay Village Historical Society's scholarship for 2017. Colagiovanni is the daughter of Chris and Joy.

Colagiovanni is a member of the National Honor Society and Key Club, having served as that organization's Ohio District Governor during her junior year. She also was honored for giving the most service hours to the Bay Key Club during 2014 and 2015.

An honor roll student her entire high school career, she also was a member of the a capella choir, yearbook staff, and was a junior varsity cheerleader.

Colagiovanni will be attending The Ohio State University as a public affairs major on a pre-law track in the John Glenn College. She hopes to eventually find employment with an organization similar to Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch or UNICEF, she said.

"It is an honor to be



Laura Colagiovanni

selected by the Bay Village Historical Society to receive this scholarship. I am incredibly grateful for the eager investments our community members make in the education of graduating students and I hope to appropriately give back to the place that has profoundly impacted my life. It is undeniable that the overwhelming generosity and philanthropic spirit within the community is deeply rooted in our history and is clearly seen through such scholarships. Bay Village, my one and only home, has allowed me to meet individuals who have challenged me to grow in character and develop skills that I hope to utilize to constantly better communities such as ours." ●

WESTLAKE-WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL

Jazz is main course at WWAC brunch

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

Three outstanding musicians will provide a gourmet serving of jazz at the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council's Jazz Brunch on Sunday, April 23, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Westwood Country Club in Rocky River. In addition to fine food, guests will be treated to the blended sounds of the bass by Ann Gilbert, piano by Dan Maier, and drums/percussion by Bill Marx.

Condensing the musical profiles of these exceptional musicians, does not diminish their weight. Gilbert is the principal bassist with Cleveland Pops, Akron Symphony and Blue Water Chamber Orchestra. Maier is a former member of Blood Sweat and Tears and is currently a member of the North Coast Jazz Collective. Marx, who has his own jazz ensemble, plays in area big bands, local orchestras and Brazilian ensembles.

The April 23 brunch may draw some groupies from the May 2016 standing-room-only audience that attended "Bass Extravaganza" by Ann Gilbert and "friends" at Westlake Porter Public Library. At that program, presented by the WWAC, Gilbert's "friends" included Maier and Marx. The overflow audience was riveted through the mix of music and a multi-faceted trip which included "Take the 'A' Train" by Billy Strayhorn and "Effendi" by McCoy Tyner. The audience spontaneously responded



PHOTO BY BETTY LOU CURATOLO

With the drums of Bill Marx in the foreground, Ann Gilbert plays bass and Dan Maier piano to an overflow audience in 2016.

with a standing ovation.

That premier performance gave birth to the upcoming Jazz Brunch, which will benefit the WWAC's scholarship fund. The WWAC invites one and all to experience this great music in a fun gathering while supporting scholarships to help the next generation to pursue their areas of interest.

Tickets for Jazz Brunch are \$35. The event will feature a cash bar, silent and Chinese actions, and a 50/50 raffle. For more information call 440-250-5565 or go to w-wac.org. ●

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FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Dover Congregational UCC to host conversation on the Muslim experience in America

by JOHN RINEHART

Dover Congregational UCC will welcome Isam Zaiem to the Sacred Conversations series on Sunday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. Isam is the Board President Emeritus of the Cleveland and Northeast Ohio chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and will share with us how it is to be a Muslim in America these days.

A lot has happened since Isam joined the members of Dover last year

in conversations about Abraham, our common religious father, and since we prayed with him in the Islamic Center mosque.

Wars continue in the Middle East. ISEL continues its attacks on civilians in cities that used to be centers of civilization, some even mentioned in the Bible. The headlines have carried news of terrorist attacks in major European cities, the latest an attack in London.

Millions of people have fled the wars that surround them. Most

are crowded like cattle into refugee camps. Many have braved the Mediterranean waters to cross into Europe creating political crises in France, England, the Netherlands, Turkey, Spain, Italy, and even Germany. Too many have died seeking a better life. Britain voted to leave the European Union, additional nations are considering following the same path. The politics to close national borders has gained strength in Europe and now the United States.

Our president has made two attempts to close the doors to immigrants from six nations and to tighten our borders to several other nations, including Mexico, with the promise to build a wall to protect our southern border.

Mosques have been defaced and damaged by fire and bombs. Muslims have been denounced, attacked, even

killed on the streets of America. Some "talking heads" have characterized Muslims as terrorists. A Maryland high school girl was forbidden to play with her basketball team during a district tournament because she wore a hijab. Imagine, if you can, fearing to attend church or temple on your Sabbath day, or having to establish 24/7 security to protect your church or synagogue, or fearing to wear a cross as a sign of your Christian faith. Imagine Christianity being named as a terrorist organization.

You are invited to join the Sacred Conversation at Dover to learn more and to show support for fellow citizens who are fellow descendants of Abraham. Dover Congregational UCC is located at 2239 Dover Center Road in Westlake. Any questions, please call Keith Stuart, Dover pastor, at 440-871-1050. ●

PTAs *from front page*

Each of the nine PTA units in Westlake chooses one honoree to receive the Ohio PTA Achievement Award at the Founders' Day dinner. The Ohio PTA Achievement Award is the highest honor a PTA can bestow on an individual and is usually awarded to someone who has given outstanding service to children and youth either at school or in the Westlake community at-large.

The recipients of Westlake's 2017 Ohio PTA Achievement Awards are: Marie Novak, Westlake Early Childhood PTA; Amanda Miller, Bassett Elementary PTA; Cathleen Augustine, Dover Elementary PTA; Kristen Pugh, Hilliard Elementary PTA; Mimi Verdone, Holly Lane Elementary PTA; Kerry Brickman, Dover Intermediate School PTA; Janine Finucane, Lee Burneson Middle School PTA; Karen Ryan, Westlake High School PTSA; Pete Zagray, Westlake Council of PTAs.

The second recognition, the Helping Hands Award, is given to a PTA member who has made a positive impact on the lives of children, and has participated in activities involving our chil-

dren and youth. The recipient of this award promotes the welfare of children and youth in home, school and community. One award is given from Westlake Council of PTAs, representing all Westlake PTA units. This year's Helping Hands Award recipient is Delicia Ostrowski.

Mrs. Ostrowski has filled many roles within Westlake's various PTA units over the years, enthusiastically leading units as their president and co-chairing Westlake Council's annual Dollars for Scholars fundraiser. She is also active with Westlake's youth football program, leading efforts to rejuvenate the program.

The final recognition, the Outstanding District Educator Award, is presented to a certified educator for his/her active support in PTA, promoting parent/teacher cooperation in the education of children and youth, and outstanding service

as an educator. One award is given from Westlake's Council of PTAs, representing all Westlake PTA units, and Rebecca Kowalski is the recipient of the 2017 Outstanding District Educator Award.

As the gifted teacher at Bassett Elementary School, Mrs. Kowalski continually exceeds

expectations with students in the classroom, encouraging personal development of each student while challenging and encouraging them along the way. In addition, Mrs. Kowalski started a Math Club that included 100 student participants the first year, and coordinates Invention Convention for Bas-

sett Elementary.

Westlake Council of PTAs consists of eight local PTAs organized under the authority of Ohio PTA for the purpose of promoting conference, communications, leadership development, and the coordination of the efforts of its member PTAs. ●



Winners of Westlake Council of PTAs' 2017 awards, front row: Rebecca Kowalski, Delicia Ostrowski, Pete Zagray, Karen Ryan and Cathleen Augustine; back row: Marie Novak, Amanda Miller, Kristen Pugh, Mimi Verdone, Kerry Brickman and Janine Finucane.

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MUSICAL ARTS

Five voices transport Porter Library audience

by MARIA FESZ

At the FYI: Opera program at Westlake Porter Public Library on March 28, five Cleveland Institute of Music voice students did a wonderful job transporting the audience to different worlds in the opera scenes they performed. Their voices were enhanced by the vocalists' exceptional acting, especially in scenes with more than one person.

Daniel Fridley had great fun as Don Giovanni's servant listing all the girls Don Giovanni had "conquered" in his book. Renée Richardson's powerhouse

of a voice gave Margarita's torment extra emotion in a selection from "Mephistopheles." Coraine Tate wonderfully captured Gershwin's bluesy jazz style in "My Man's Gone Now" from "Porgy and Bess." Jennifer Robbel reprised her role as the maid Despina from "Cosi fan Tutte" with a delightfully fun aria. Caroline Bergan's emotion, coupled with her vocal control and dynamics in her aria, captivated the audience during her aria as Micaëla from "Carmen."

John Simmons, CIM's Scenes music director, provided perfect piano accompaniment for the young artists. CIM Opera's artistic director David Bamberg-



PHOTO BY MARIA FESZ

CIM students Coraine Tate, Jennifer Robbel, Daniel Fridley, Renee Richardson and Caroline Bergan enjoy their audience's enthusiastic applause.

er's narration framed each scene, imparting knowledge and drawing smiles. The FYI: Opera program, which was described as "fabulous" by one attendee, was presented free to the public by the Westlake Westshore Arts Council. ●

WESTLAKE CENTER

Appreciating generational differences

by LYDIA GADD

A hot topic in the world of continuing education is how to manage a multi-generational work environment. Recently, in a leadership class, the young man seated next to me groaned when he heard that was going to be that day's topic. He interpreted multigenerational work environment to be synonymous with millennial bashing.

Not being a millennial, I was interested in hearing the information from his perspective and thought he had a point, until I heard some baby boomer bash-

ing – and then felt a little defensive. One young man blamed the baby boomers for ruining our country, and expressed his viewpoint that these folks needed to stop being greedy and retire already, making room for the young to be in charge. Yes, the room was quite charged indeed.

But the point of these types of classes is not to bash others, or explain why one generation is better than another. Because that is not the case. Rather, it is to appreciate, and understand each other's differences because when we do, we enrich the experience.

The same holds true for intergenerational connections in the community. There is a great deal of research touting the benefits of intergenerational activities. Children who



PHOTO BY ALEX RODRIGUEZ

The Westlake Center for Community Services' Carnival Day volunteers spanned the generations.

are exposed to their elders' wisdom and traditions, have a better sense self as well as perspective, roots and continuity. Older adults exposed to youth are able to expand their social networks and stay physically and mentally active, and improve their health outcomes. Communities benefit when all are engaged and feel included. Furthermore, age-related myths and stereotypes are dispelled. Opportunities to conquer social problems abound.

are also forging partnerships with our local colleges such as Tri-C. The most current offering with the schools is a Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner scheduled at the high school on Tuesday, May 2. The high school students will be serving dinner as well as providing entertainment. Tickets are \$5 and are available at our center, as well as through Porter Library.

Let's not forget the millennials, after all, intergenerational

doesn't solely mean pairing children with seniors. That's why we have been very excited about our partnership with Hyland Software, a millennial-rich workplace. Once a month we have a couple of Hyland employees come to our center to volunteer their time and expertise in providing one-on-one instruction to our seniors who have questions about how to use technology (be it a smartphone, tablet, laptop, etc.). The instruction happens at our center on an appointment basis. As the experience has been mutually beneficial, we are planning more, including a day of tours for our seniors at the Hyland facility.

Connecting generations makes sense. Together we are stronger. For more information about the Westlake Center for Community Services call us at 440-899-3544 or view our monthly newsletter at www.cityofwestlake.org/157/community-services. ●

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Meet the Candidates: Westlake City Council, Ward 1

Westlake will hold a nonpartisan primary election on Tuesday, May 2. The only race on the ballot is for City Council Ward 1. The top two vote-getters from the three candidates below will move on to the general election on Nov. 7. Vote by mail and early voting began April 4.

Lynda Appel

I have enjoyed representing the people of Ward 1 for nearly 4 years and I am seeking re-election. I want to continue in the role for the following reasons:

- Build on the email and social media communication I implemented. I love hearing from you and sharing what the city is working on.
- Continue fiscal responsibility and exemplary community services. I'm proud to have supported the textile recycling initiative; so far over 23 tons have been recycled, reducing landfill waste.
- Work with interested businesses to continue to expand and promote economic development. I look forward to seeing the finished product that replaces the trailer park.
- Advocate for further collaboration between the city and our schools. I attend School Board meetings to stay informed about the issues and the spending of our tax dollars.
- Be a voice and represent the needs of Ward 1 in conjunction with the city's goals.
- Be a presence in the community at large to foster communication and responsiveness. You've seen me at city events, rec events, school events. All opportunities for you to talk to me about your concerns.

Westlake, the city we call home, does not just happen. We are successful when elected officials and city personnel work together with residents, employers and other community stakeholders to address needs, challenges and economic issues. I am the person to continue this successful relationship.

My proactive approach, consistent follow-up, attention to detail and my ability to consider all stakeholders' needs and roles has allowed me to contribute to the effective running of our city and needs of Ward 1.

I have been married to Jeff for 25 years. We have three children: Paul, Julie, and Michelle.

I am asking for your vote on May 2. ●



Brendan Delay

I will make Westlake safe from conflicting loyalties. I am a self-employed local attorney. My wife is a real estate agent. My children grew up in Westlake. I do not work for the Westlake School District or the City of Westlake.

The City Law Director John Wheeler will be retiring. His 20 years of experience as prosecutor and law director leaves a vacuum. Having an attorney next year on City Council will assist its decisions on land topics, zoning, contracts and litigation of the serious cases now filed against Westlake. The City of Westlake has engaged in negotiations with the Westlake School District to swap different large parcels of land and a building. The future will hold zoning variances, road and traffic signal modifications by the City of Westlake – with some conflicting interests.

Westlake needs a safer new Community Center. If designed with resiliency principles the future Community Center could handle windstorms, tornadoes and ice storms. With backup generators and batteries, solar panels, and sliding window covers, and a covered walkway to the Recreation Center, it would serve as a refuge and temporary housing for those with a damaged house, or no power or the elderly.

In 2005, I convinced the City Council to modify the plans for the Service Garage and the Recreation Center Addition for more energy efficiency. This saved Westlake money each day since then. Let's also build a safe Community Center for a model community.

Make Westlake safer from heroin and fentanyl. I propose it implement what Gloucester, Massachusetts, does:

- An addict reaches out to the police department by walking into a station or approaching a policeman on the street.
- The addict turns over any drugs and paraphernalia and asks for addiction help.
- The department assigns that addict an "angel." This is an on-call volunteer who immediately takes the addict to an emergency room to be assessed and given any necessary medical treatment.
- The addict works with his angel to enroll in treatment.
- The department makes no arrest and tracks the progress of the addict in treatment. ●



Duane Van Dyke

My name is Duane Van Dyke and I am running for Westlake City Council, Ward 1. I grew up in Ward 1 and returned 14 years ago to raise my family here because of the high quality of life Westlake has to offer.

I want to ensure that it stays that way. Across Ohio, we see once thriving communities that are now struggling to compete. We are fortunate that Westlake is currently in a strong position because of vision and sound planning. However, trends in where we work, what people want in a home, and how we shop are changing. We should consider updating our city's master plan, with input from the community, so we remain competitive.

Implementing the recreation plan for the city will be an asset for current residents of all ages, as well as a tool for attracting new ones. Similarly, our freeway entrances could become landscaped gateways that would set a welcoming tone for our whole city – good for both residents and businesses.

About me: I graduated from the Westlake Schools and Miami University. I have been a small business owner for the past 19 years and a registered Architect for 30 years. I am on the Westlake Planning Commission and on the Board of Heritage Ohio, and I am a past board member of the Westlake Porter Public Library.

I would appreciate the opportunity to represent Ward 1 on Council, and to help Westlake remain a vibrant community now and into the future. ●



THE DIGITAL WORLD

May the Fourth be with you!

by TAK SATO

I had a little fun in the headline with the famous line from the "Star Wars" saga for an easy-to-remember "save the date" reminder for an upcoming event for our seniors, their families and friends.

Although the digital world, aka internet or the cloud, makes it easy to look up information for any senior-centric services and products, meeting the actual represen-

tatives to ask questions and receive literature in person in the real world is always helpful. After all, a 2016 Pew Research Center survey showed that 36 percent of Americans over 65 years of age do not use the internet.

Modeled after a very successful Business Expo in the Westshore area, our seniors will now have an "Expo" of their own! The Center for Aging in the Digital World, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a vision of "a world where everyone is digitally literate" is organizing their first annual Senior Expo on May 4 (get it? May the Fourth!) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Don Umerley Civic Center in Rocky River.

This is a free event for attendees so our seniors and their support system (i.e. family and friends) can meet exhibitors of

senior-centric services and products under one roof. There will be demonstrations, door prizes and rest areas for seniors. All proceeds go to operate the nonprofit's flagship program "Discover Digital Literacy!", a 10-week program free to participating seniors, who learn digital literacy using tablets. The "Discover Digital Literacy!" pilot program was successfully completed last December by graduating 12 seniors, ages 62 to 84, with newly acquired digital literacy skills.

Digital literacy is a new "life skill" necessary to live in the duality of the real world and the increasingly dominant digital world where information, entertainment, products and services are delivered to you through digital world interactions. Whether you are at home or out-and-about, a smart-

phone brings new meaning to the phrase, "information at your fingertips."

"Star Wars" fans know about the "The Force" which has light and dark sides. How you empower and enrich your life through the digital world is the light side, while the nefarious entities trying to victimize you through email is utilizing the dark side of The Force. This is another reason why the Center for Aging in the Digital World teaches digital literacy with practical internet "street smarts" to use while enjoying the many benefits provided by the digital world.

Mely Sato, the group's executive director (also my wife), and yours truly hope that attendees will benefit from the senior-centric exhibitors under one roof at our Living in the Digital World Senior Expo on May 4! We hope to see you there. ●



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BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bay Village civic groups plan spring and summer events

by MARY KAY WILSON

The Bay Village Community Council met on March 22 to share news and notes about their upcoming activities. Here are some of the highlights.

American Legion Post #385 announced its delegates for the Buckeye Boys and Girls State program for 2017. The Bay High School juniors are Connor Flynn, C J Hyland, Maggie Williams and Morgan Jackson. They will be part of a nine-day program that is an in-depth study of city, county and state government, where campaigning is an important part of the government process. Each delegate will have the opportunity to run for elected office in the simulated governments. The daily activities follow an intense schedule from early morning to late evening. In the fall the students will visit both the Legion and Kiwanis and tell of their experiences. The Bay Legion has been sponsoring these programs for over 40 years.

Bay Village Community Theater has begun their 2017 “All the World’s a Stage[d Reading]” series. Readings are planned for May, July, September, November and possibly December. They are expanding their Staged Reading group and taking it to other venues besides their current sites: Mojo’s Coffee and O’Neill Healthcare Bay Village. If you are interested in their group performing a staged reading for you, contact John Hnat at jjhnat@sbcglobal.net.

Bay Village Historical Society is holding its 48th annual “Cahoon in June” fine crafts, collectibles and antiques event June 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Cahoon Memorial Park. Again this year, the Bay Village Historical Society is partnering with other community organizations for “Destination Bay.” Transportation will run between venues. Admission to Cahoon in June is free. There will be a Civil War re-enactment in the park, and a display of antique cars, as well as musical entertainment. Culinary artisans from the Cleveland Culinary Launch Kitchen will have a presence, selling their Northeast Ohio-made products. There will also be food concessions. Interested community groups are invited to set up tables free of charge. They are also accepting vendor applications. Contact Cynthia Eakin at 216-213-0312 to reserve a space. Proceeds from this event support the Rose Hill Museum, the Reuben Osborn Learning Center and student scholarships.

Bay Village Garden Club is in the process of planning spring plantings in the Village including an overhaul of the Gazebo garden beds.

Bay Village Foundation Grants Committee will meet April 6 to review the nine applications they received from 501(c)(3) organizations. Recommendations on grants/amounts will be presented to the board and applicants will be notified of the Board’s decision by mid-April. Winners will be announced and checks will be awarded at the annual Memorial Day Service.

“Back to Bay’s Future,” a 1960’s themed evening of fun, will be held Saturday, April 29, 6 p.m., at the Lakewood Country Club in Westlake. It is a fundraiser to benefit the restoration of the Bay Historic District in Cahoon Park – primarily the Community House. Ticket are \$100 each and registration forms are available at City Hall. For information is available in the events calendar at cityof-bayvillage.com.

Bay Village League of Women Voters is looking for volunteers to sell tickets and count money at Bay Days this year. If interested, contact Claire Banasiak, cekb51@gmail.com. The chapter now has a Facebook page, search under LWVBV.

Bay Village Library has just published their Spring Program Guide For more details go to cuyahogalibrary.org. Highlights include: Celebrating Spring Break Week with something fun each afternoon for many families on staycation and Container Gardening with a master gardener on Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m. The Friends of the Library Book Sale will run April 22-25 and the Friends are now selling Red Cedar Coffee, available at the check-out desk in the branch.

BAYarts announced these summer events: Art + Music Festival 2017 on June 17, 10-4 p.m.; Farm + Art Markets every Thursday 5-8 p.m., starting June 15; Summer Concert series begins June 12. Go to bayarts.net for more details.

Lake Erie Nature and Science Center will host “Eggstravaganza!” on April 8, 9, 14 and 15. Learn about eggs, bunnies and things about spring. This educational program includes a small, kid-friendly egg hunt with allergy-conscious take-homes. For children ages 1-8 years with an adult, \$7/child. April 29 will be “Birds of Lake Erie Day.” The day will be filled with programs and activities for all ages, including wildlife presentations on rehabilitating avian species, a planetarium program discussing the effects of light pollution, a bird hike through Huntington Reservation and live animal encounters. For adults and families with children ages 10+, \$5/person. May 6 will be Family Fishing Day. Learn about the basics at the Center: equipment, how to cast, where to fish and what kind of fish you’ll catch. Then head to Lake Erie to throw your line in the water. All equipment will be provided. For families with children ages 5+, \$7/person. Go to lensc.org for more details and more activities.

Village Project is finalizing its plans for their “Project Pedal” fundraiser. It will be held June 17 at 8:30 a.m. as part of Destination Bay. There will be routes for all ages and experience. Corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit ourvillageproject.com for details.

The next meeting of the Bay Village Community Council will be at the Bay Village Library on Wednesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. Representatives from Bay Village’s nonprofit and civic groups are invited to attend to share ideas and event schedules and promote their activities. ●

THE MEDICAL INSIDER

What MRI can’t tell you about your back pain

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Who doesn’t know Miss Ruth? At 86, she’s the reassuring voice that’s coaxed generations of Westlake toddlers to jump into the water. Recently, Ruth’s sciatica acted up again. The pain starts at her buttock and radiates to her ankle. It’s been months. When she wakes up, the pain could make her cry. There’s no rhyme or reason to how the pain catches during the day. And this pain has landed her in a crossfire between specialists.

To start, her back MRI shows four levels of herniated discs among other unpronounceable, multi-syllabic findings. Her neurosurgeon offers surgery; her cardiologist says nobody pokes her because the drug she takes for an irregular heart rhythm may put her at an increased risk of bleeding.

She’s tripping over these MRI findings.

While I can’t (and shouldn’t) help with her decision making, I reassure her – the MRI findings needn’t be on her worry list.

The thing about MRI: It shows problems – almost always there are problems – but not necessarily problems in need of a solution.

A 2014 study published in the journal *Spine*, which looked at spine CT and MRI of 3,110 people who had no back pain (who are these freakishly lucky people, anyway?), found that by age 20, over one-third have evidence of degenerative disc disease; by age 80, the rate is 96 percent.

As doctors dig more and more into pain, we understand less and less. What’s clear: pain is more than

what’s visible on MRI: the multi-level disc herniation, bone spurs, pinched nerves, calcified tendons, cracks or fissures – the results of usual wear and tear and the body’s compensation and overcompensation for stress.

Pain is also what’s *not* visible on MRI: posture and back mechanics, genetic predisposition, old and new injuries, inflammation, occupational stress, mental stress, weight gain or loss, and physical conditioning.

It follows that we have a hard time validating pain solely based on MRI findings; that is, people can have awful pain with relatively normal-looking MRI or no pain with awful-looking MRI. Approaching back pain based on MRI findings is like diagnosing an elephant by its trunk. Yes it helps to put a name to it, but there’s still the rest of the flapping-ear mammoth to deal with.

The good news: most sciatica resolves within one year. Intervention or no intervention, the long-term prognosis is similar.

While contemplating her options, Miss Ruth stays active.

It’s 9 o’clock, she’s about to start her first swim lesson. Three times a week, she teaches for four hours straight, and, curiously, during those four hours, she’s completely pain-free. Kids in shark-print shorts and tutu swimsuits form a loose circle around her. It’s been over 12 years since I sat and watched my own kids. It brings back such memories. One kid refuses to get in the water, about to start a nifty little nuclear tantrum. I look on fondly, thinking, “Thank God, for once, this one’s not mine!” ●

Westlake, Bay residents teach ‘culturally competent’ business courses

Westlake residents Phil Belzunce and Lalei Gutierrez and Bay Village resident Steve Slane will teach courses of vital interest to our community as part of a new initiative at Cleveland State University’s West Center in Westlake. Professionals in the 21st century need a combination of smarts, emotional intelligence and cultural competence to address the often complex issues they face while also meeting the needs of an increasingly diverse workforce and clientele.

The interactive courses will address topics such as what to do about unconscious bias in the workplace to honoring religions and spiritual needs in the workplace. These courses are part of a new series of continuing education and professional development classes focused on enriching

northeast Ohio professionals’ capacity to engage appropriately and more healthfully around differences in all permutations.

“Diversity management and cultural competency have become essential skills that 21st-century professionals in nearly all professions need to have,” said Lisa Gaynier, director of the Master’s in Diversity Management program at CSU. “By adding a continuing education component we can offer additional training and support to leaders in multiple fields, while continuing to enhance understanding of the importance of culture on organizational performance.” The courses are geared for educators, psychologists and business professionals.

For more information, include course dates and fees, visit csuohio.edu/dmp/ced. ●

Join in at www.wbvobserver.com

North Coast Needlers host quilt show

by GINI BALDI

North Coast Needlers Quilt Guild will present its 15th biennial quilt show, "My Favorite Chix are Quilters!" April 22-23. Over 250 quilts will be featured, ranging from traditional and contemporary to modern and art quilts, offering something for everyone to enjoy. Many of the guild's members are award-winning quilters.

Quilts will be exhibited in the airy rotunda of Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd., on Saturday, April 22, and Sunday, April 23. Show hours are 10

a.m.-5 p.m. both days. A beautiful red and white guild-made quilt will be raffled off on Sunday afternoon. Admission is \$5; \$4 for seniors; 10 and under free.

Expanding on the show's theme will be a series of challenge quilts, "Chix Run Wild" and a block contest display. The contest blocks will be crafted into a "Chix For Kids" quilt for this year's donation recipient, Northeast Ohio Adoption Services. A special show event is "Adopt a Chix," with proceeds from the "adoption" of stuffed "Chix" also donated to Northeast Ohio Adoption Services to further their work placing children with loving families.

Rounding out the show will be a boutique offering handcrafted items for sale, a quilt-side cafe, and a vendor mall featuring local and regional dealers. More information can be found on the North Coast Needlers website, www.ncnquilt.com. ●



PHOTO BY MARY KRAUSS

Members of the North Coast Needlers display the quilt they will raffle off during the quilt show. Pictured are Linda Sekerak, Elizabeth Bauman, Martha Hamilton, Melva Schwartz and Tina Crawford.

BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Step back to the elegance of 1900s high fashion

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

Step back to remember an exciting and elegant past through

"1900s High Fashion," the latest exhibit at Rose Hill Museum, presented by the Bay Village Historical Society.

The exhibit, which opens on April 9 and runs through Nov. 12, features a variety of formal attire, including exquisite wedding gowns. After viewing the display, one can only hope that what goes around in fashion comes around.

Rose Hill Museum, 27715 Lake Road, is open from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

on Sundays. Admission is free. Group appointments can be arranged for a small fee. Phone 440-871-7338.

Membership in the Bay Village Historical Society is open to anyone in the community interested in keeping history alive. Families are welcome. Call 440-871-7338 for membership details. ●



1900s fashion on display at Rose Hill Museum.

St. Barnabas offers interactive Stations of the Cross

by KAREN PETERSON

As part of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church's "Connecting with God" program series, on Saturday, April 8, come prepare your heart for Palm Sunday and Holy Week by reflecting with us on Jesus' journey to the cross. This very special program was well received last year as participants engaged all five senses while walking the Stations of the Cross. At each of the Stations you will experience a prayer, a reflec-

tion and an activity.

The pilgrimage will start in the Sanctuary, and is designed for you (and your family) to go at your own pace between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Please dress comfortably for the weather as the final Stations will be outside in the prayer garden and in the labyrinth. All are welcome.

If you have any questions, please phone the church at 440-871-6200. St. Barnabas is located at 468 Bradley Road, Bay Village. ●

Unity celebrates Good Friday, Easter

by SHIRLEY MACFARLAND

The community is invited to walk in Jesus' shoes at Unity Spiritual Center's Good Friday Experience. This all-day service is for everyone seeking a deeper personal meaning of the Crucifixion.

The USC sanctuary is turned into nine stations: Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus picks up the cross, Jesus falls for the first time, Jesus meets Mary, Jesus is helped by Simone of Cyrene, Veronica wipes the face of Jesus, Jesus falls a final time, Jesus is nailed to the cross and Jesus is placed in the tomb.

Participants can come in anytime during the day and journey through each of the nine stations. There they can sit and reflect while doing an activity that pertains to their life and that of Jesus.

The Good Friday Experience is Friday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday is a special time at Unity Spiritual Center with the tradition of the flower cross, created during the service one flower at a time by each congregant. It illustrates that extraordinary beauty and joy can come from great suffering when we take the highest spiri-

tual view.

Unity's Easter service is a celebration of uplifting music and wonderful visuals including the creation of the flower cross. No matter how many times people have seen the ceremony, it takes their breath away. Unity's expression of the Easter story stays with one long after the service ends. It is unique in the Christian tradition for its inspirational and emotionally transforming message.

Easter Sunday services are April 16 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Childcare is available at both services. Unity is located at 23855 Detroit Road. ●

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Adoption laws and genealogy

by JAYNE BROESTL

Genealogical lineage is by definition a tracing of one's biological ancestry and history. This presents problems for adoptees, or their descendants, from learning about possible inherited health risks or joining any of the various lineage societies. Only those who can prove direct biological linkage to an ancestor will qualify for lineage society membership.

Betsie Norris, executive director of Adoption Network, knows this dilemma and journey firsthand. After successfully locating and reuniting with her biological family, Betsie founded Adoption Network

Cleveland in 1988, to provide support and assistance to others who are touched by adoption.

As guest speaker at the April 19 meeting of Cuyahoga West Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, Ms. Norris will explain current adoption records and laws and how they impact those who are adopted or descend from an adoptee in their own family trees.

Program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Porter Room of Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Social time is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The public is invited, at no charge. For information, visit rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

WHS students participate in Museum Ambassadors program

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Ten Westlake High School AP Art History and International Baccalaureate Theory of Knowledge students participated in the Cleveland Museum of Art “Museum Ambassadors” program that provided a behind-the-scenes experience at the world-class institution.

The program is open to only six schools in Northeast Ohio, and Westlake High School is the only West Side school selected for the program. This is Westlake’s fifth year in the program and it marks the students’ fifth Community Day event.

Students are selected through an application process. This year’s participants are juniors Gwynnie Ball, Abby Falcone, Jade Hawk, Dena Hussain, Rachel Kaiser, Riley Larcey, Carolyn McBride, Emilee Nebraska, Adalee Ratycz and Jonathon Shear.

The program has students participating in behind-the-scenes experiences in various departments at the Cleveland Museum of Art. The program is designed

to build a general awareness of museum life and careers, as well as to build career skills, including public speaking and team-based project planning. At the end of each program year, the Museum Ambassadors run a Family and Community Day, sharing what they’ve learned with the public in the form of projects, which have included scavenger hunts, games, coloring books, tours and studio activities.

The students would like to invite members of the community to join them at the museum for this exciting event on Sunday, April 9. The program runs from 1 to 4 p.m. This year the students created a puzzle-like activity that allows patrons to recreate a portion of one of two pieces of art from the museum’s permanent contemporary collection. Patrons can either keep their piece or add it to a large mosaic of the replicated pieces in the museum’s atrium. The other schools in the program will also have hands-on activities available for patrons. The event is free and open to the public. ●



WHS juniors Gwynnie Ball, Rachel Kaiser, Riley Larcey and Emilee Nebraska (above) and Abby Falcone, Dena Hussain, Jade Hawk, Carolyn McBride, Adalee Ratycz and Jonathon Shear (below) were among the 10 WHS juniors who participated in the Museum Ambassadors program at the Cleveland Museum of Art.



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Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, April 5 and 12 (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, April 5 (1-2:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGY SOCIETY HELP SESSION – Please join the genealogy group for an informal walk-in help session.

Wednesdays, April 5 and 12 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, April 6 and 13 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS – Stop by the Youth Services Department and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and each Thursday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) HORROR FILM CLUB – Join us as we explore some of the classic films from the genres of horror, science fiction and suspense. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

Thursday, April 6 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Friday, April 7 (4-5:30 p.m.) WEIRD(ER) SCIENCE – Each session teaches fundamental principles in an entertaining format, through demonstrations and hands-on activities. This month: Students in grades 5 and 6 will learn how to use Excel 2013 to create a personalized budget, and learn about personal finance through an online game. Please register.

Saturday, April 8 (2-4 p.m.) CARRY OUT CRAFTS – Stop in to see our featured craft. We have all the supplies you'll need to create something fantastic!

Saturday, April 8 (2-3:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR

KIDS' SPEAKER SERIES – Join us for a discussion on “Understanding the ABLE Act” with a local pediatric expert. Register at connectingforkids.org or 440-250-5563. Free child care is available.

Saturday, April 8 (2-3 p.m.) DIY MONEY CRAFTS – Stop by to make and personalize your own shadowbox bank and other money-related crafts. All supplies provided! Grades 7-12.

Sunday, April 9 (2-4 p.m.) MAD 4 MANGA – A great club for anime and manga lovers! All otakus and newbies welcome! Grades 7-12 only please.

Monday, April 10 (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, April 10 (6:30-7:15 p.m.) and Friday, April 14 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) ADAPTED STORYTIME – Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences are encouraged. This 30-minute storytime, followed by time for socialization, is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3-7, but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend, but must register separately. Registration begins one week before each session.

Monday, April 10 (7-8 p.m.) HANDLING CREDIT & DEBT WISELY – Apprisen will share basic information about managing credit, including the difference between good and bad debt, how to manage debt in order to build your credit rating, why credit is an important tool for reaching financial goals and how to create a “Power Payment System” to pay down debt. Also, learn about various loan prod-

ucts, how they work, and associated interest rates.

Monday, April 10 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKER MONDAY: TRANSFORM YOUR MEMORIES INTO DIGITAL – WPPL has Maker Stations that can convert your records into mp3s, your slides and pictures into digital formats, and your VHS tapes into DVDs. Learn how here. Please register.

Tuesday, April 11 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: FINDING HIDDEN JOBS – Research and informational interviewing can reduce the competition and help you sell yourself to an employer. Learn what research is needed and how to do it to find the best job for you.

Tuesday, April 11 (7-8 p.m.) AUTHOR TRICIA SPRINGSTUBB – Cleveland Heights author Tricia Springstubb, writer of popular children's books including “Every Single Second” and “Moonpenny Island” shares her journey to becoming a writer and how ideas turn into books! A reading will follow her presentation; register early as space is limited.

Tuesday, April 11 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – In April we'll discuss “Before the Fall” by Noah Hawley.

Wednesday, April 12 (noon-1:30 p.m.) SPEAKER SERIES LUNCH & LEARN – Guest speakers join Career Transition Center to present informative and timely topics for job seekers. Bring your lunch; learn and grow. Coffee provided.

Thursday, April 13 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – The April selection is “True Crime Addict: How I Lost Myself in the Mysterious Disappearance of Maura Murray” by James Renner.

Thursday, April 13 (7-9 p.m.) AUTHOR JAMES RENNER – Cleveland author James Renner

is known for his true-crime journalism, but he has also written two novels. He will be giving a presentation on writing and his works of fiction, “The Man from Primrose Lane” and “The Great Forgetting.” Join us for a fascinating presentation. Please register.

Friday, April 14 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY! – Join us for a family-friendly movie (rated PG). All ages. Featured film: Rafe is tired of his school's obsession with the rules at the expense of creativity. Desperate to shake things up, Rafe and his friends come up with a plan: break every single rule in the school and let the students run wild. Registration begins April 7.

Friday, April 14 (4-4:45 p.m.) FUN SCIENCE FRIDAY: A HOME FOR BIRDS – Join Mrs. K as we explore the wonders of the world. This month let's be birds and build a nest! Ages 4-7. Registration begins April 7.

Saturday, April 15 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) POKEMON FUN! – Bring your cards and accessories for a fun morning of Pokemon-themed play, prizes, and crafts! Ages 6-11.

Saturday, April 15 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS – Bring your ideas and imagination to the club! Ages 3-12. Lego and Duplo bricks provided.

Sunday, April 16 – LIBRARY CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER

Monday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 19 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY! – Join us during spring break for family-friendly movies (all rated PG). All ages. Please register one week before each movie.

• **April 17:** Storks have moved on from delivering babies to delivering packages; when an order for a baby appears, the best delivery stork has to scramble to get the job done.

• **April 19:** The quiet life of a terrier named Max is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray whom Max instantly dislikes.

Monday, April 17 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTORS' INTEREST GROUP – Cycles: economic, monetary, business, stock. What they are, why they exist, why they matter. Please register.

Tuesday, April 18 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: JOB SEARCH PLANNING & TIME MANAGEMENT – Are you running around in circles trying to find a new position? Most jobseekers do not spend time efficiently. Learn how to plan your work, and the ABC Method to overcome obstacles to success.

Tuesday, April 18 (2-3:30 p.m.) JR. ROBOTICS: WIMPY-BOT – Enjoy two of our favorite things, LEGO WeDo robots and Jeff Kinney's “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” book series as you work with a partner to build and program robots based on the misadventures of Greg and his family. All of the challenges are based on “DWK: The Long Haul”! Ages 8-11. Registration begins April 11.

Tuesday, April 18 (7-7:30 p.m.) BEDTIME STORIES: SLEEP ABCS – Put on your pajamas and join Mrs. K as we unwind at the end of the day with quiet stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities to help us get ready for bedtime. Ages 4-6. Siblings welcome.

Tuesday, April 18 (7-8:30 p.m.) TITANIC: TRAGEDY OF ERRORS – The Titanic's construction, weather conditions, safety practices, influential passengers, and more will be discussed, along with the six “Mysteries of the Titanic.” Please register.

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

Hajek receives Porter Library volunteer award

by ELAINE WILLIS

Jim Hajek was honored with Westlake Porter Public Library's Myrna Chelko Award at the organization's annual volunteer recognition event in early March.

Hajek began volunteering at the library in 2003 and has amassed over 1,400 hours of volunteer time. A Friends of the Library annual book sale volunteer, he has hauled thousands of book from storage areas to the sale rooms and has also spent many hours price-checking special books,

which are sold on eBay or in the book sale at special prices. His efforts have garnered thousands of dollars more in revenue, meaning the Friends of the Library has been able to give more to the library for special needs, such as the recent renovation, and the Summer Reading Program and STEAM Week.

“Jim's efforts have been invaluable to both the Friends and the Library,” said Library Director Andrew Mangels. “This award is well deserved.”

The Myrna Chelko Award is given annually to a library volunteer who exhibits the same dedication to serving the library as did Myrna Chelko, a long-time library volunteer who helped establish the Friends of the Library and served on the board of trustees. The board of trustees selects the recipient, taking into consideration such criteria as years and hours of service, special library projects, advocacy, ability to inspire others, creativity and innovation. ●



PHOTO BY ELAINE WILLIS

Jim Hajek (right) accepted the 2017 Myrna Chelko Volunteer Award from Westlake Porter Public Library Director Andrew Mangels at a volunteer recognition event in early March.

Aquarelle Watercolor show at Porter Library

by ROBERT PARRY

The West Shore Aquarelle Watercolor Society returns to the Westlake Porter Public Library gallery for its annual art show of original watercolor from April 1 through April 28. The Society art show consists of paintings by 13 members of the Society and most of the paintings are for sale by the members. The art gallery is open every day that the library is open.

The Aquarelle Society was organized in 1996 and today the membership consists of 18 local watercolor artists. The 50 paintings on display

are the works of Linda Borton, Phyllis Firalio, Barbara Hall, Thomas Hemsath, Howard Hoehn, Annabelle Keller, Suzanne Kizzen, Robert Parry, Barbara Swasey, Jenne Vetrone, Nan Wendrowski, Annebelle Keller and Kay Bees.

Society members have many years of painting experience and each is an accomplished watercolorist participating in local and regional art shows and juried competitions. Paintings include floral, still-life, landscape, abstract, portrait and marine scenes. Any purchase includes a donation to the library for its programming. ♦



Artwork of West Shore Aquarelle Watercolor Society is on display at Westlake Porter Public Library through April 28.

PHOTO BY ROBERT PARRY



Lee Burneson Middle School student Jacob Rintamaki gives a multi-talented performance during the annual Green & White Revue at the Westlake Performing Arts Center on March 24. The annual fundraising event for the Westlake High School Parent Teacher Association features the talents of Westlake students from all grade levels.

PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Rotary Club of Westlake/Bay Village holds speech contest

by DONNA D'AMICO

On March 29 the Rotary Club of Westlake/Bay Village held its annual high school Speech Competition. The purpose of the speech is to solve an ethical problem using the principles of the Rotary's Four Way Test: "Is it the truth, is it fair to all concerned, will it build good will and better friendships, and will it be beneficial to all concerned."

School took on the challenge. Esther Park won the competition, followed by Katie Cirincone in second place, Thomas Hanson in third place and Jonah Petty receiving honorable mention. In addition to monetary prizes, Esther will now move on to the district competition, which will take place on April 8 at Aurora High School. There she will compete with the other Rotary Club contest winners in District 6630, which includes clubs across Northeast Ohio.

Winners there will go on to the national competition. Rotary International is made up of a group of 1.2 million neighbors, friends and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. The Westlake/Bay Village club meets every Wednesday at Westwood Country Club from 7:30-8:30 a.m. If you are ready to do more to serve others, you are invited to attend a meeting. ♦



Westlake High students Esther Park, Thomas Hanson, Jonah Petty and Katie Cirincone participated in this year's Rotary Club speech contest.

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Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

While honey may be the sweetest reason for beekeeping, there are many other ways it can be a beneficial hobby. The Bay Village branch library is pleased to host a three-part series presented by Amalia Haas, beekeeper and environmental educator. Learn about honey from flower to bee, crystallization, fermentation, and how terroir affects a honey's sensory qualities. Changing landscapes, modern agriculture, climate change and globalization all play a role in pollinator decline. Learn steps we can all take to ensure our food security and help bees thrive in today's challenging environment. Please see below for information on the weekly topics and dates.

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 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)
- **Fridays (10 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – for all ages

Thursday, April 6 (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.

Thursday, April 6 (7 p.m.) WHAT A DISASTER: TITANIC – Grades 3-4: Learn about the Titanic shipwreck with hands-on science activities.

Monday, April 10 (6:30 - 8 p.m.) OSOB FAMILY NIGHT – Drop into the Bay Village Branch for family activities related to the Normandy Elementary School One School, One Book title.

Tuesday, April 18 (2 p.m.) MYSTERY BAG CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE – Grades K-4: Do you like to play with Legos and build with different types of materials? If so, challenge yourself to the Mystery Bag Construction Challenge! Each mystery bag will hold the key parts to making a fun contraption. Use your creativity and the provided materials to rise to the construction challenge.

Wednesday, April 19 (2 p.m.) SPRING BREAK MOVIE – Visit the library for a special screening of a popular movie. Bring a blanket and pillow or sleeping bag.

Thursday, April 20 (2 p.m.) BUILDING BRICKS @ THE LIBRARY – 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.

ADULTS

Tuesday, April 4 (7 p.m.) AUTHOR SCOTT LONGERT – Tribe fans will enjoy listening to local author Scott Longert, as he talks about his new book: "No Money, No Beer, No Pennants." Mr. Longert will talk about the history of the Tribe through the turmoil of the Great Depression. A book sale and signing will follow.

Wednesdays, April 5, April 19 and May 3 (7 p.m.) BEEKEEPING ESSENTIALS – Week 1: From comb to bottle; Week 2: Planting a pollinator garden; Week 3: Making nature's cosmetics from hive products.

Friday, April 7 (10 a.m.) BAYARTS BOOK DISCUSSION – Join friends, neighbors and library staff as we discuss "The News of the World" by Paulette Jiles on the BAYarts campus in the Sullivan Gallery. Copies of the books are available at the library and BAYarts.

Saturday, April 15 (2 p.m.) PAINTING TO POETRY – Join us to create a painting set to poetry. Let the poem inspire you as you create an original work of art. No artistic ability is needed, just a desire to create. Supplies will be provided.

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

Herb Guild meeting to focus on papermaking

by BARBARA ARMSTRONG

The April meeting of the Herb Guild Garden Club will be held on April 12. This month's presentation, which starts at 12:30 p.m., will be on "The Beautiful & Fascinating Art Form of Eastern Papermaking." The speaker is Tom Balboa, director of the Morgan Conservatory. The Conservatory is located in downtown Cleveland and is dedicated to the art of papermaking. It houses artists who are devoted to book arts, printing and papermaking. The Conservatory features a working

studio, gallery, shop, and gathering place for the community. It is free and open to the public. You can learn more about this unique facility by visiting their website morganconservatory.org. The Herb Guild is a local organization and meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. New members and guests are always welcome. For further information on the upcoming meeting, call 440-582-0191 or visit theherbguild.org. You can also find us on Facebook under The Herb Guild. ●

READER'S OPINION

Browns draft: Time to build foundation

by GREG SCHWERT

The NFL Draft is rapidly approaching and the Cleveland Browns have a great opportunity to obtain some cornerstones for their future. Browns left tackle Joe Thomas recently commented that he did not want to see the Browns use the first pick on a quarterback and that when you draft a quarterback who fails, you have wasted a pick. He went on to explain that if a position player fails, he still gets on the field for first downs or third downs or special teams. This means that he can still help the team and isn't a total wasted pick; whereas a failed quarterback won't make it on the field at all or possibly as the holder for field goals and extra points at best.

In baseball, the consensus is to have your best players straight up the middle of the field. In football, this basically holds true too; on defense, you want great players in the middle of the field or to help to contain the opposition to the middle of the field. An offense wants to avoid being contained to the middle and able use the entire field from

sideline to sideline. These concepts are very important for the Browns and their ability to show significant improvement this year. The other important concept is that offense wins games but defense wins championships!

With all of this in mind, and NO I haven't had any contact with Greg Williams, the defensive coordinator for the Browns, it would be very interesting to see the Browns draft:

- First round: Pick No. 1: Myles Garrett, defensive end; Pick No. 12: Reuben Foster, middle linebacker
- Second round: Pick No. 33: Jabrill Peppers, strong safety (or a cornerback if Peppers is gone); Pick No. 52: whomever falls to the Browns – wild-card!
- Third round: Pick No. 65: cornerback or defensive tackle

Should the Browns be able to obtain the first three players named along with a cornerback in the first three rounds of the draft, they will significantly improve their defense and be able to win games without a lot of offense. Remember, the Browns have added offensive linemen via free agency, so drafting defensive players with four of their first five picks is not out of the question. In fact, it could be all five.

Browns fans love a physical, hard-hitting defense. These players would add that and with proper coaching (your turn, Greg Williams and staff) could lead to a significant improvement to the Browns record in 2017 and beyond. ●



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Westlake Kiwanis to host pancake breakfast and spring race

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis will hold their spring pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 9. The breakfast will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Westlake High School cafeteria, 27830 Hilliard Blvd. The breakfast is being held in conjunction with the Hermes Westlake Spring Fever run to benefit LakeShore Day Camp, Westlake Kiwanis and Westlake PTA.

Breakfast includes all the pancakes you can eat! Plus sausage, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$6. Chil-

dren 6 and under eat for free.

This year, as a “Kiwanis Young Children Priority One” project, the Westlake Kiwanis will donate a portion of the proceeds from the breakfast to the LakeShore Day Camp, a nonprofit camp for children with special learning needs, including mental and physical challenges, learning disabilities, autism, ADHD and more.

The remaining proceeds will go to promote various causes benefiting children throughout the Westlake community such as holiday food baskets for the disadvantaged, student scholarships, the Westlake High School Key Club, Builders

Club and Aktion Club, and Relay for Life and the Westlake PTA.

The Westlake Spring Fever is a 2-mile or 4-mile run kicking off at 9 a.m. from Westlake High. Race registration is \$25 in advance. Discounted tickets for the pancake breakfast of \$5 are available to

race registrants. To sign up, visit hermes-cleveland.com.

If you would like to join an active volunteer group and give back to your community on many worthwhile projects, please contact Kiwanis president George Christ at 440-871-3980 or gchrist44140@yahoo.com. ●



Kiwanians Dale Smith and Andrew Mangels mix up pancake batter at last year’s breakfast. This year’s event will be held April 9.

PHOTO BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI

Spend Spring Break at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

by MORGAN PASKERT

Join Lake Erie Nature & Science Center over spring break for a special selection of star shows and animal encounters to engage the whole family! Meet the Center’s resident animals at Critter Encounters and travel to space in a wide variety of planetary shows. Don’t forget to browse the indoor and outdoor exhibits! Programs will be offered April 17-21 and are \$2-\$5 per person. Information about all of the programs is available at lensc.org.

The Center is open 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and offers free admission to the public. The Center will be closed on Sunday, April 16, for Easter. ●



PHOTO BY MAGGIE WATSON

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center will offer a wide range of programs, from Critter Encounters to planetarium shows, during the week of Spring Break.

St. Raphael to host series for non-practicing Catholics

by CARLA RENICK

St. Raphael Church in Bay Village will conduct a series called Catholics Coming Home on seven Wednesday evenings, April 19 through May 31, from 7-8:30 p.m. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics interested in returning to the Catholic Church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith in a support-group format.

One former participant of the program stated, “The sessions provided a sense of community with the other

participants as well as with the team leaders, making me realize how much I had missed that sense of community.” Join us and reconnect with our Catholic community.

St. Raphael Church is located at 525 Dover Center Road. For more details and to register, call Annette DeGidio at 440-250-9028, Mrs. Dean Brennan at 440-892-2877 or Deacon Larry Gregg at 440-871-1100, ext. 134. Additional information is available at saintraphaelparish.com under “Parish Flyers.” You may also refer to our Facebook page: Catholics Coming Home at Saint Raphael. ●

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Distribution of Palms, Passion Narrative, Holy Communion
MAUNDY THURSDAY April 13, 6:00 p.m.
Agape Meal, First Communion
GOOD FRIDAY Tenebrae April 14, 7:30 p.m.
Solemn Worship of Prayer & Song

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Easter Sunday, April 16 - 9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m.
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MAUNDY THURSDAY April 13th 6:30pm Soup Supper, Communion & Children's Choir
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Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9
4:30pm Sat Vigil Mass
8am, 10am, 12pm Sun Mass

Holy Thursday, April 13
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until 11pm

Good Friday, April 14
12pm Stations of the Cross
3pm, 7:30pm Veneration of Cross

Holy Saturday, April 15
1:30pm Blessing of Food
3-5pm Confessions
9pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses
7:30, 9:00, & 10:30am, 12pm

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Holy Week Services

Sat., April 8; 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
Interactive Stations of the Cross

Palm Sunday 10:00 A.M.
The Sunday of the Passion
with Bay Village Community Theater

Tuesday of Holy Week 7:30 P.M.
Psalms and Sighs; A Meditation by Eileen Moore

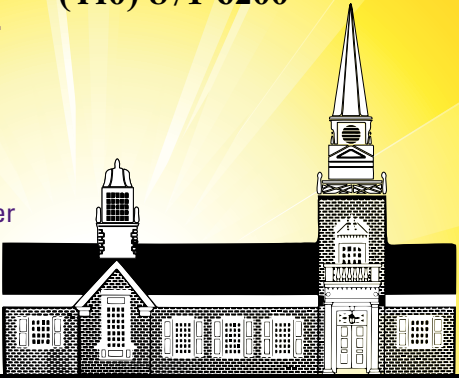
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GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 14th	12 noon/ Traditional Only; 7:00pm/ Trad. & Contemp.
EASTER SUNDAY	APRIL 16th	Traditional & Contemp.; 8:30 am; 11:00 am



CELEBRATE OUR RISEN LORD

Palm Sunday, April 9 at 10 a.m.
Good Friday Service, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel in Westlake
Easter Egg Hunt, April 15 at 10 a.m.
Easter Celebration, Sunday April 16, Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; Service at 10 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
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MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13
12:10 p.m. Eucharist & Healing Service
6 p.m. Contemplative Service & Eucharist
7 p.m. Potluck Dinner

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14
12 p.m. Solemn Liturgy
1 p.m. Good Friday Blues & Lamentations
Music by the Gateway Band
1 p.m. Children's Good Friday Program
(Childcare available 12 - 2 p.m.)
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Concert
Allegri: *Miserere*
Mozart: *Ave verum corpus*
Liszt: *Evocation of the Sistine Chapel*
Mozart: *Requiem*
Trinity Chamber Singers, Cathedral Choir and Chamber Orchestra
Nicole Keller, organ; Todd Wilson, conductor

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16
6 a.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
9 a.m. Contemporary Festival Eucharist
Music by the Gateway Band
10:10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for children grades preK-5
11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist
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Diana Brewer redecorating BAYarts by hand

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

As special events manager at BAYarts, Diana Brewer knows certain things that come with the job of coordinating about 30 weddings each year in the historic Fuller House. For instance, it's not surprising to see her fiddling with electric cords as she installs new sparkle lights to project on the ceiling of a romantic gazebo, nor is it surprising to see Brewer move around displays of candles on tiered tree-ring slabs.

These skills come with the territory, and she has an extensive background of working events. In fact, it is why she was hired to coordinate the special events at the arts campus, and her reputation speaks for itself.

But what's surprising is that the tree-ring slabs that have been cut, Brewer cut. And the dozens of wooden chairs? Brewer refinished them. Or do you mean the high top chairs with matching tables crafted from pallet wood? Yeah, Brewer actually made those. In fact, with a glance around the venue you'll see that everything is handcrafted and looks like a piece of art. The aesthetic is handmade and romantic. And someone (hint: you know who) has taken old church pews and antique bed headboards and turned them into benches. Talk about charming.

This spring, the latest projects that Brewer tackled were to build a brand new bar on the back gazebo. The old one was falling apart, and a nonprofit like BAYarts can't afford to just buy new. Salvaging wood from what initially were disheveled-looking pieces, Brewer has now completed a beautiful bar with seating, even using the bones of an old fireplace facade right at the front.

Additionally, deciding that sitting on blanketed hay bales was something

all sorts of venues already do, Brewer used sisal rope and old tires to create comfortable outdoor seating that'll last in all weather and look attractive around the firepits used for events such as Moondance and the Artober fest.

"People often walk into the gallery and think that the benches and tables she's made are actually pieces of art in the exhibitions, that's how beautiful they are," said BAYarts Executive Director Nancy Heaton. "We couldn't be more pleased to encourage her, help give materials, and admire what she creates with her team." (Kelly Johnston and Jim Bishe are notable members, along with Cullen Brewer.)

For those interested in taking a look, visit the Rent page on the BAYarts website, bayarts.net, and/or come up to the Fuller House at BAYarts, which is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Come enjoy the sights and furniture at BAYarts events, the next being Cinco de Mayo on May 5, which boasts a taco and salsa bar for \$25.

For all of the cool things we see people doing online, all of those Pinterest-worthy images, it's nice to see it



A bench made from an old bed headboard and pallet wood on the Fuller House porch.



An example of pallet wood being transformed.

all actualized in 3-D, right in Bay Village.

If you have old wooden windows, old pieces of antique furniture, and such, please consider donating by emailing specialevents@bayarts.net. ●



Registration is now open for Hospice of Western Reserve's 2017 Walk to Remember, June 11 at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Walk to Remember provides meaningful way to celebrate loved ones

by LAURIE HENRICHSEN

Residents of Westlake and Bay Village are encouraged to gather family and friends and save the date for 2017 Walk to Remember sponsored by Huntington Bank. Now in its sixth year, the event will take place on Sunday, June 11, at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Funds raised help Hospice of the Western Reserve provide special services in local communities including pediatric hospice and palliative care, the granting of patient wishes through the "Moments to Remember" program, grief support camps for children, art and music therapy and much more. The event is open to anyone in the community wishing to honor the memory of a loved one or a caregiver; they need not have received hospice care. Thousands of walkers will come together to celebrate life while paying tribute to their loved ones. Registration is open online at hospicewr.org/walk, or by contacting Bridget Murphy at 216-383-3715, or bmurphy@hospicewr.org.

Registration will open at 7:30 a.m., with the opening ceremony beginning at 8:45 a.m. The Walk will begin at 9 a.m. (Choose from 1 mile and 3 mile options.) A closing ceremony will be

held from 9:30 to 11 a.m., featuring food, fun and festivities at the Palava Pavilion. Registration is \$12 for children, \$25 for adults and \$65 for family (includes two adults and three children ages 4-12; children 3 and under are free). It includes all-day admission to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Rainforest, T-shirt, live musical entertainment and much more.

"We are grateful for the tremendous support we receive from our local communities," said Westlake resident and Hospice of the Western Reserve volunteer Ann Kalt. "Walk to Remember is such an inspirational experience. There are frequently multiple generations within families coming together to walk in memory of their loved ones. After the Walk, families are free to stay and enjoy the rest of the day exploring the Zoo and Rainforest." Kalt said she became a volunteer to "pay it forward" and help support other hospice families. Her mother-in-law received care at Ames Family Hospice House and her father also received hospice care from the nonprofit agency several years ago.

New this year, for every \$100 raised or donated to Walk to Remember, one of eight adorable "Comfort Buddies" will be given to

a Hospice of the Western Reserve patient. Comfort Buddies provide reassurance and meaning to a variety of patients, from young children to those with memory impairment. The soft, plush animals improve patient experience by reducing agitation and restlessness and providing an overall sense of wellbeing. Each Comfort Buddy is infused with a calming lavender scent. The adorable stuffed animals are weighted to provide a sense of security and to reduce fall risks when placed on the lap of a patient. Comfort Buddies can also be heated in the microwave to provide additional warmth and coziness. While donors will not receive an actual Comfort Buddy, clinical caregivers will be personally presenting them to Hospice of the Western Reserve patients and their families.

Once again this year, walkers and donors will be able to purchase and sell Honor Signs for \$250. Honor Signs will be placed along the walk route to commemorate loved ones and can be taken home after the walk by family members. Walk to Remember sponsorship opportunities are also still available at all levels. For more information, contact Bridget Murphy. ●

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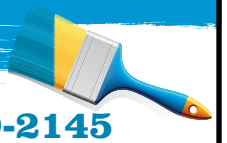
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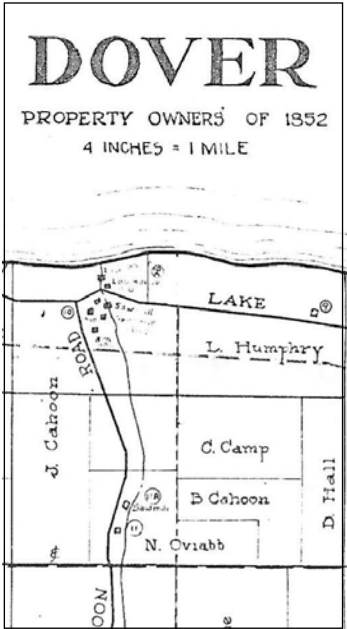
The Oviatt Manufacturing Company, Part II

by KAY LAUGHLIN

Five of Luman Oviatt's children migrated to Ohio from Connecticut. History tells us his daughters, Rhoda (married to Julius Humphrey) and Harriett (married to Washington Bigelow), migrated to Richfield. Luman's son Marcus Oviatt had two children born in Ohio, Aaron Oviatt married Electa Brown and purchased 123 acres around Copley, while Moses Oviatt purchased 150 acres in Lot #20 in the Blake Tract of Parma Township and married Electa Spafford.

Luman's son Nelson and his wife, Melinda, traveled with their son, Luther, to Parma in 1821. Emily (born in 1822) and Louisa (1823), their daughters, were born in Parma Township. We know Nelson was in Dover Township in 1825 because the next child, Mary, was born in Dover as was Caroline, Dudley and Laura.

In 1832, Nelson and Melinda's sixth child was Dudley Luman. Dudley married Almira Abigail Phinney of Avon. Besides being a successful farmer, Dudley joined his father in the lumber business, The Oviatt Manufacturing Company. At first they just cut raw lumber, but soon saw advantages in cutting wood for fruit baskets. In 1860, they continued to operate the sawmill north of the Oviatt bridge over Cahoon Creek, while abandoning the gristmill and erecting a

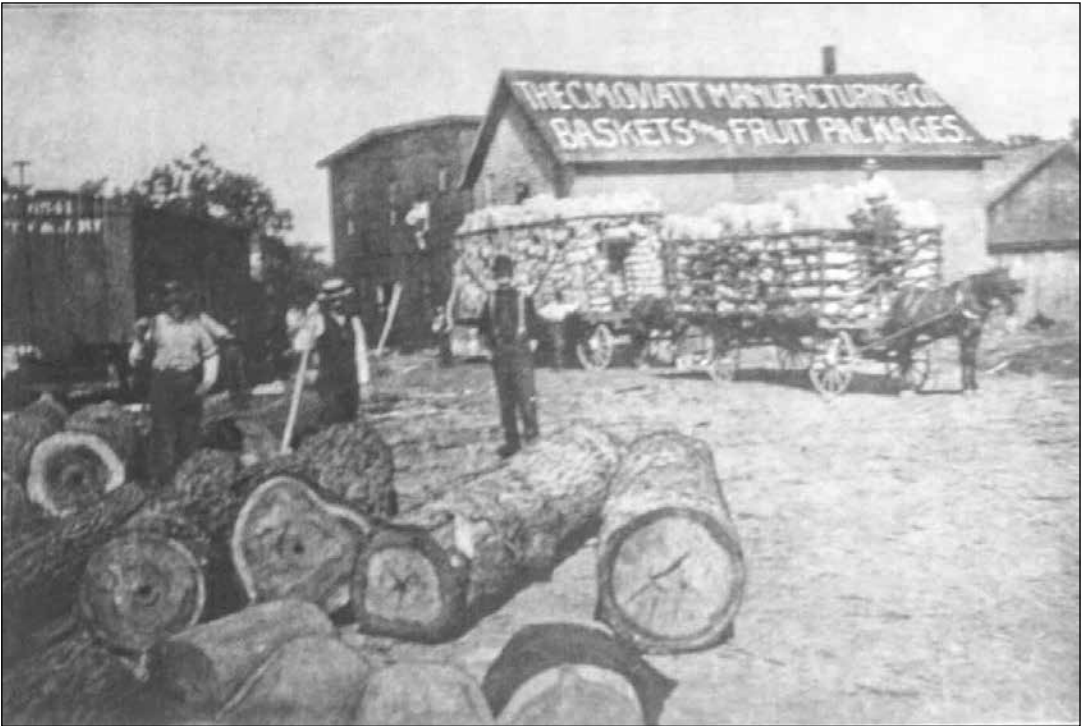


A portion of an 1852 map showing Nelson Oviatt's property.

new steam sawmill and basket factory where the gristmill used to be.

With the influx of Germans and gardens yielding abundant crops of fresh vegetables, farmers began selling much of what they produced at the West Side Market on West 25th Street. Their produce went to market in all sizes of wooden baskets. They made baskets that ranged from pint, quart, peck, half bushel, bushel, pony and keg. If we add the grape production, we surmise the misters Oviatt found their basket factory most successful.

Nelson died in 1870. He and Melinda are buried in Fairview Cemetery, in Richfield. With Dudley getting older, Clarence Melville Oviatt, Dudley's son,



Turn of the century workers at The Oviatt Manufacturing Company stand near logs that have been cut for the mill. Notice the roof says C.M. Oviatt Manufacturing Co. Baskets and Fruit Packages.

took over the reins and became owner and operator of the mill. Dudley and Almira retired to their home at 13230 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood. Almira died in 1917, Dudley in 1923. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery in Cleveland.

The Oviatt Manufacturing Company meeting room, being the biggest room in the area for a gathering, became the civics meeting room for the township. Many important decisions were made in this building over the years, including the decision to separate from the rest of Dover Township and become the Village of Bay.



Dudley Luman Oviatt joined his father's lumber business, The Oviatt Manufacturing Company, in the mid-1800s.



Almira Phinney Oviatt, wife of Dudley Luman Oviatt

George and Clarence Oviatt are shown on a 1910 map owning property on Cahoon and Dover Center roads. Clarence, however, has sold the land next to the tracks from Dover Center to the creek to the Zipp family. Next, he sold the property by the bridge, which contained the sawmill, to Hugh and Russell Pease. Clarence moved to Memphis, Tennessee, but kept his land along Cahoon Road.

The Pease brothers continued operating the basket factory as baskets were still needed for the grape and fruit farmers' large production. In 1914, the Peases sold their property to Zipp Manufacturing Company and built the present Farm Bureau building (Landmark) just south of the railroad tracks on the east side of Dover Center

Road. (Later, the Pease family went into the funeral business and became the Pease/Jenkins Funeral Home.)

I remember an Oviatt house on Cahoon Road. I don't remember any of the manufacturing company buildings on that property when I was growing up in the 1940s. Zipp's, however, was there and still making their syrups. The Zipp family built a house at 602 Dover Center Road in front of the factory. The field where the manufacturing company was located became a great baseball field for the neighborhood kids. Today, this area is Dover Commons and Cahoon Ledges and, across the street, the Convenient store and the Village Project. ●



Young workers at the Oviatt basket factory posing with piles of the pint-sized wood baskets.

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Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Rd.

Wednesday, April 5, 10 a.m.
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PROGRAM ON REDISTRICTING
The Westlake-North Olmsted and Fairview Park Chapters of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland will present a program on redistricting. The speaker will be Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Ohio. The public is invited to participate.
North Olmsted Public Library, 27403 Lorain Rd.

Wednesday, April 5, 1-2:30 p.m.
FREE FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH HELP SESSION
Members of Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will offer free family history research assistance, to the public. Please bring pedigree and/or family group sheets to aid the volunteers in helping you.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT
Kicking off 2017, the Bay Village Community Band will be featuring selections of classical style. These beautifully composed pieces perfectly complement the new life of the spring season! Free performance.
Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

Wednesday, April 5, 7-9 p.m.
OPEN DISCUSSION ON RACE RELATIONS IN CLEVELAND
This open discussion features Dan Moulthrop, CEO of The City Club of Cleveland, and RA Washington, local artist, poet and entrepreneur, along with contributors to their new book "A

Race Anthology: Dispatches and Artifacts From a Segregated City."
Tri-C Westshore Campus, 31001 Clemens Rd., Westlake

Thursday, April 6, 1:30-3 p.m.
COLORING FOR CALMNESS
Drop in and experience the latest trend in relaxation: adult coloring books! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and help to promote overall wellness. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils, markers, or crayons will be provided. We'll color to some relaxing music.
Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.

Thursday, April 6, 7-8:30 p.m.
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Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake

April 7-9, see hours below
GREAT CLOSET CLEAN-OUT
Bay Rockets Association is collecting donations to support Bay Athletics and Easter Seals. Clothing, shoes or fabric items are being collected. Items can be in any condition and all items will be reused, resold or recycled. Every bag donated earns a raffle ticket. Prizes include \$50 cash or gift cards to local establishments. Tax receipts are also available. Drive Up & Drop Off hours: Friday, 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m.
*Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.
Bay High School, 29230 Wolf Rd.*

Monday, April 10, 7-8 p.m.
WEST SHORE ANTIQUE AND HISTORY CLUB MEETING
Speaker: Karen Vagarasoto from Timeless Treasures will be sharing her 30 years of experience collecting and dealing with antiques

and collectibles.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Tuesday, April 11, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
PERI CHAPTER 91 MEETING
Guest speaker will be Mary Jamba, trustee of the Ohio Genealogical Society and past president of the Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society. She will give an "Introduction to Family History." Public sector retirees are welcome to attend the meetings. Light refreshments are served.
Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Rd.

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m.
WEST SIDE DEMOCRATS MEETING
Rosemary Palmer will discuss the "Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus: Putting the Active Back in Activism." If you wish, bring a snack to share. Beverages provided. Contact Jeanne at 440-892-3430.
Western Cuyahoga Lodge, 26145 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
INSIGHTS FROM A COMPUTER REPAIR SPECIALIST
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Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, April 12, 7 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
A new report shows Ohio leads the nation in opioid abuse. Cuyahoga County had over 500 deaths last year. In the Bay Village area alone we have lost 15 young people in the last 15 years because of drug, alcohol or mental health issues. Please join us and help us put an end to this growing statistic. Speakers will include parents, educators, law enforcement and experts.
Bay High School Auditorium, 29230 Wolf Rd.

Thursday, April 13, 8:30 p.m.
TELESCOPE NIGHT
Join our resident telescope expert, Bill Reed, a former docent at Mt. Wilson and leader of classes on telescope building, for evenings under the stars. We will begin in the planetarium for an update on the sky then head out to see the view. In case of inclement weather, we'll do our viewing on the planetarium dome! For adults and children ages 6+. Fee: \$5/person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Monday, April 17, 6-7:30 p.m.
WOMEN IN STEM
NASA Supervisory Aerospace Engineer Diana Centeno-Gomez will share her story about coming to Cleveland from Puerto Rico to work at NASA Glenn Research Center. Today she is Deputy Branch Chief of Aeronautics and Ground Based Systems in the Engineering and Architecture Division.
Tri-C Westshore at Corporate College West, 25425 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m.
CREATIVE GARDENING IN CONTAINERS
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Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.

Wednesday, April 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB MEETING
Crocker Park is often recognized for its beautiful flowers and landscapes. This oasis of greenery is the result of a partnership between Barnes Nursery and Crocker Park. Sharon Barnes of Barnes Nursery will tell the story of what it takes to keep the flowers and landscape pristine and growing all season long and share some of the gardening trends for 2017. Club business meeting begins at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, presentation at 1 p.m. The event is free and guests are welcome. For information call 440-665-5463.
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