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Westlake Safety and Wellness fair helps individuals and the community

by MICHAELA KEKEDY

The City of Westlake and UH St. John Medical Center will host the third annual Community Safety and Wellness Fair at the Westlake Recreation Center on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fair is free and open

to the public.

"This is an opportunity for people of all ages to come together and learn ways to live a safer and healthier lifestyle," said Mayor Dennis Clough, confident this will be a fun event for the entire family. "Safety doesn't happen by accident."

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Chomps, the Browns mascot, poses for a selfie at last year's Community Safety and Wellness Fair. This year's fair will be held on Saturday, May 19.

Bay Village honors Citizen and Project of the Year



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

The Bay Village Community Council held a reception April 29 to honor the 2018 Citizen of the Year, Catherine Flament, and Project of the Year, the Community Yard Sale to benefit hurricane victims. Mayor Paul Koomar, center, presented proclamations to Flament (front row, left) and yard sale leader Annie Nock (front row, right). Also pictured are BVCC officers Jessica Breslin, Tara Wendell, Therese Koomar and Mary Kay Wilson.

See more photos at facebook.com/wbvobserver.

VFW hosting Buddy Poppy Drive

by FRED GREEN

The annual VFW Buddy Poppy Drive will be conducted on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19.

The locations are the same as previous years, Walgreens at Columbia and Center Ridge; Discount Drug Mart at Detroit and Dover Center; Giant Eagle at the Promenade in Westlake; and Java Bay Cafe in the Bay Village Square Plaza on Wolf Road.

All sites will start donation acceptance at 10 a.m. Walgreens and Java Bay will end at 4 p.m. Drug Mart and Giant Eagle will end at 6 p.m.

Please remember to bring some cash or change! We cannot accept electronic payments yet. Any amount is appreciated. In addition, to honor or veterans, if your company or organization would like to make a donation, we will be glad to provide poppies to distribute and wear proudly, just contact us in advance. All funds collected are used to support Westshore veterans



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and their families as well as scholarships and community patriotic events.

Other VFW Posts across the state will be collecting during this general time frame. If you do not see us at these sites, please donate to any VFW, it all helps.

Buddy Poppy Day is usually on or near Armed Forces Day, which this year is May 19. The poppy was adopted from a famous WWI poem and has become a symbol of support for our military and their families. It is a small token but it carries a lot of pride and history.

To contact Bay Village VFW Post 9693, email vfwpost9693@gmail.com, call 440-941-5080, or send a letter to VFW Post 9693, P.O. Box 49185, Bay Village, OH 44140. ♦

Westlake staff vs. students

Basketball game raises money for scholarships

by MARY ESSIG

Over 600 people recently attended Westlake Council of PTAs annual Dollar\$ for Scholars event at West-

lake High School to raise money for scholarships for graduating Westlake High School seniors.

Since 1968, Westlake Council has continued the proud tradition

of awarding scholarships to deserving Westlake High School seniors who plan to pursue higher education at a college, university or technical school.

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The Westlake High School seniors basketball team defeated the Westlake Schools staff team for the first time in many years.



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WELLNESS

from front page

An Honor Guard featuring active service members, law enforcement and veterans will present the flag at 10:15 a.m. in observance of Armed Forces Day.

Among the scheduled activities will be Touch-a-Truck with 22 vehicles, children's inflatables and activities, more than 70 vendors, health and cancer screenings, visits by Chomps and Safety Pup, and the UH SJMC helicopter landing (weather permitting). New this year will be a free bicycle helmet distribution for children and free family first aid kits, both while supplies last.

Also new is the opportunity to help others by participating in the LifeShare Blood Drive or donating non-perishable, unexpired food to the Westlake Food Pantry operated by the city's Community Services Department. Donors to the Food Pantry will receive a "Community Health and Safety Fair Spring into Health" T-shirt (while supplies last).

The schedule, list of demonstrations and vendors, and other details about the fair can be found at www.cityofwestlake.org/Safety-Fair. ●

BASKETBALL

from front page

Scholarships are awarded for traditional academic pursuits, as well as for the arts, STEM/technology, vocational (health/medical services, automotive, construction, culinary arts, etc.) and a life challenge. The Westlake Council and its eight member PTAs raise funds for these scholarships in many ways, including programming, membership drives and the annual Dollar\$ for Scholars event. Thanks to overwhelming support for Council and its member PTAs' fundraising efforts, Westlake Council of PTAs and its member PTA units awarded a total of \$24,000 in scholarships to graduating Westlake High School seniors last May.

While the goal of Dollar\$ for Scholars is to raise enough money for Council to award ten \$1,000 scholarships, the main event and other activities make the evening a memorable, fun, family-friendly outing.

The highlight of the evening was the basketball game where Westlake City School District (WCSD) teachers and staff faced off against Westlake High School (WHS) seniors in a perennial battle for bragging rights. Parents, students, and community members attended to cheer on their favorite teacher, principal or senior student. WHS senior Gianna Burns sang the national anthem before the tip-off, and Ned Lauver, WHS assistant principal, provided play-by-play announcements, while Brendan Zepp, WHS assistant athletic director, was the official scorekeeper. The evening also featured a dodgeball game between local heroes from the Westlake police

Westlake Historical Society yard sale ushers in spring

by LYSA STANTON

The Westlake Historical Society is collecting items for the spring yard sale, which will take place on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Clague House lawn, 1371 Clague Road. We are happy to have your classy cast-offs and no-longer-needed knickknacks. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please remember the historical society. What a great way to rid the clutter and get an end-of-year tax deduction.

For more information, or if you would like us to pick up items, please call Jan at 440-227-0061 or Dave at 440-610-2728, or email claguemuseum@yahoo.com. Letters of donation (for tax purposes) are available upon request.

The proceeds from the sale benefit the Westlake Historical Society's programs and museum needs. Volunteers are always welcome to help sort items. Rain date for the sale is May 19.

Kids Sunday and Open House will be Sunday, May 6, from 2-4 p.m. ●

'The Explorers Club' concludes Clague's 90th season

by PAM KILPATRICK

London, 1879. The prestigious Explorers Club is in crisis: their acting president wants to admit a woman and their bartender is terrible. True, this female candidate is brilliant, beautiful and has discovered a legendary lost city, but the decision to let in a woman could shake the very foundation of the British Empire, and how do you make such a decision without a decent drink?

Grab your safety goggles for some very mad science involving deadly cobras, carnivorous plants, irate Irishmen and gravity-defying libations.

"The Explorers Club" is by Nell Benjamin and is directed by Anne McEvoy. Our cast features Curt Arnold, Mike Frye, Robert Hawkes, Assad Khaishgi, Corey Knick, Colin P. McCauley, Mark Rabkin, Tyson Douglas Rand

and Tiffany Trapnell.

Performances are May 4-27, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Show tickets are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors (60+), and \$10 for students (any age with a valid ID) and may be purchased by calling the box office at 440-331-0403 Wednesday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m., or visiting www.clague-playhouse.org.

Limited FREE student tickets (high school and college) are available by calling the box office to reserve for any Clague Playhouse Thursday performance, and showing a student ID at the time of ticket pickup. No online reservations can be taken for these free tickets. Free Student Ticket Thursdays are subject to availability and must be picked up by 7:30 p.m. the night of the performance or will be released. ●

and fire departments and the military vs. WCSD staff.

At halftime, Westlake's own Dreamin' Demons, a cheerleading squad of 4th through 6th grade girls coached by WHS cheerleaders, performed.

For those not interested in basketball, the event had plenty of other activities to entice students and parents. Concessions provided a quick dinner or snacks, and in the WHS rotunda, an extensive array of silent auction baskets and raffle items were available, as well as raffle tickets for a \$1,000 cash prize. Children's activities for \$1 each, such as hair painting, face painting, poster making and mini basketball hoops, kept volunteers busy throughout the evening.

The success of Westlake Council of PTAs' annual Dollar\$ for Scholars event is due to the tremendous support from its member PTA units and their parent volunteers, and the WCSD teachers and

staff. Westlake Board of Education members also volunteered the night of the event, and community members donated their time for "sale" in the silent auction. Westlake Porter Public Library Director Andrew Mangels donated "Librarian for a Day"; and Superintendent Scott Goggin donated "Pizza with the Superintendent." Todd Hopkins, WCSD treasurer, donated "Donuts with the Treasurer"; and WCSD school board president Joe Kraft donated "Pizza with the BOE President."

At the end of the evening, many happy parents and children left Westlake High School carrying a silent auction basket or raffle item. And, the WHS seniors basketball team triumphed over the WCSD staff team for the first time in many years in a very close game. Ms. Taylor Ratliff was named MVP for the staff team, and Tommy Lazevnick was named MVP for the senior student team. ●

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BAYarts to hold Playhouse progress meeting

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

BAYarts will host a town hall to update the community on progress and plans for the former Huntington Playhouse renovation. Executive Director Nancy Heaton, board member and project manager Peter Winzig and staff will be on hand to answer questions and talk about plans for the future of the

cultural arts campus. The most recent news around the Playhouse renovation has been being granted \$100,000 from the Ohio state budget, and the Encore fundraiser event that took place on April 28. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 6:30-8 p.m., on the BAYarts campus and is open to the public. Attendees must sign in at the door and present questions in advance. ♦



Jake Ingrassia and a group of 20 performers from northwest Ohio volunteered their talents on April 28 at the Encore fundraiser for the Playhouse renovation on the BAYarts campus. See more photos at facebook.com/wbvobserver.

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THE DIGITAL WORLD

Positives outweigh the negatives

by TAK SATO

I frequently laud in my column the 1992 movie “Sneakers” where the plot is almost an accurate premonition of what the digital world would be 25 years later. That world is where “information” and not greenbacks provide unimaginable value to both businesses and nefarious actors alike.

When researching the current state of information collection activities by data brokers, my research also found that the phrase “you are the product,” in reference to one getting something under the misguided pretension of no strings attached, predated consumerization of the internet.

Another movie, this one from the late 1990s, “Wag the Dog,” is another dead ringer where I can discern many parallels to current events. Although not a case of life imitating art, the rise of fake news and strategic use of tools born in the digital world are too eerie to say the least. It’s as if these two movies were prophecies!

If you take sensational headlines as gospel, I don’t blame you if you want to disconnect from the internet, aka the cloud, and crawl underneath a rock. But

will that really help? Not so, according to recent congressional testimony where it became public knowledge that Facebook purportedly collects information even after you leave the social network.

We all know that any innovation, including the disruptive innovation we can’t live without these days (internet), is a double-edged sword because, like a moth to a flame, nefarious entities will always try to game it. No, I don’t consider social networks or other tools born in the digital world as being nefarious. The inappropriate use of these tools by shady entities creates noise and promotes fear but the reality remains that the benefits of the digital world outweigh the negatives.

I strongly believe, for example, that the innovative use of these tools can provide options to help alleviate many seniors from succumbing to “loneliness.” A study that came out earlier this year equates loneliness to having detrimental health effect on seniors, equivalent to smoking two packs of cigarette a day!

Let’s filter out the noise and instead of inaction, use these cloud-based tools innovatively to help ourselves and our communities solve society’s challenges! ●

Bay veterans groups award scholarship

by FRED GREEN

Two Bay Village veterans organizations, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, are proud to announce the winner of the Bay Village Veterans Scholarship for 2018, Alexis L. Glover. Alexis is a senior at Bay High School. She has a 4.0+ GPA and is a National Merit Finalist, truly a fine and deserving representative of this prestigious award.

Alexis will be entering the Ohio National Guard after graduation and will be attending the University of Cincinnati this fall after a summer of military training. Her intended majors at UC will be law enforcement and computer science.

Alexis will receive a \$1,000 check and certificate as our first-place winner during the BHS Awards Ceremony on May 29, presented by scholarship chairman Dr. Edward Horvath.

This is a jointly funded award started by VFW Post 9693 last year and joined

this year by the American Legion Post 385. We hope to expand our competition to Westlake High School for 2019. There are three awards available, but few eligible applicants and we want to expand our community support and pool of applicants. The awards are \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors that will attend university as an ROTC participant or to students entering the National Guard or similar Reserve group with acceptance at a university or college, such as our 2018 winner, Alexis.

American Legion Post 385 provides \$250 and the VFW Post provides funds for the remaining awards. These are funds over and above obligated veteran support, community support and routine operation costs. We have few fundraising events and the majority of our funds are needed and used locally. We are always looking for donations; please support your local veterans organizations. ●



Pictured are VFW commander Fred Green, scholarship winner Alexis Glover and scholarship chairman Dr. Edward Horvath.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center launches Astronomy Club

by MORGAN PASKERT

Calling all local sky enthusiasts! Join Lake Erie Nature & Science Center on Wednesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. for the second meeting of Astronomy Club. NASA JPL Solar System Ambassador Bill Reed will share the latest news in space, gadgets and astronomy entertainment in a fun and social environment. Astronomy Club will also feature movie nights in Schuele Planetarium, hands-on workshops and telescope viewing.

Astronomy Club is recommended for adults and children ages 6 and up.

The May meeting of Astronomy Club is free. Beginning in June, those interested in Astronomy Club must be



Telescope expert Bill Reed observes the solar eclipse in August 2017.

members of the Center. Learn more about membership opportunities at www.lensc.org or call 440-871-2900. ●



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Westlake Kiwanis awards George F. Hixson Fellowship

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis presented Rick Grane with the George F. Hixson Fellowship. This fellowship is awarded to individuals who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis' rich history of generosity. Rick is one of only six Westlake Kiwanians to receive this award since it was established in 1983.

Rick has been a Westlake resident since 1983 and a Westlake Kiwanian since 2008. Rick is generous in both his time and money. He is tireless in his commitment to family, community and Kiwanis.

Rick spearheaded the drive through his Kiwanis Club to acquire three new K-9 dogs for the Westlake Police Department. Rick for years ran the Westlake Relay for Life and coordinated support for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure through Westlake. He also organizes and directs the Kiwanis pancake breakfasts, along with breakfasts and spaghetti dinners for other clubs. Rick directs the Westlake Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade and Services.

Rick took part in bringing the official Special Olympics torch to town for Westlake's Special Olympics and in fact carried the torch around the track. Rick is a member of the Westlake Auxiliary Police and is often seen directing traf-



PHOTO BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI

Westlake Kiwanian Rick Grane was recognized with a George F. Hixson Fellowship for his significant contributions to the club.

fic or providing protection for various walks, runs and athletic events. Rick is active in the Westlake United Methodist Church. He is constantly collecting clothes for women's shelters, books for schools for Kiwanis' "Love a Book, Share a Book Project," food for food pantries and driving for Meals on Wheels. If something good is happening in Westlake you can bet Rick is part of it.

Rick is what Kiwanis is all about and it is fitting that he received a Hixson Fellowship, which is given to Kiwanians that most display the Kiwanis ideals. ●

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Westlake Tree Commission hosts annual Arbor Day planting

Friday, April 27, was a beautiful day at Dover Intermediate School in Westlake to hold the annual Arbor Day tree planting ceremony. Mayor Dennis Clough, Westlake Service Director Paul Quinn III, Urban Forestry Manager Stan Barnard and members of the Westlake Service Department were there to assist with the planting of an October Glory red maple tree in front of the school.

Several weeks prior to the ceremony, all fifth-grade students were invited to submit a poster explaining “Why trees are important to me!” At that time Mary Beth Schneider, chairwoman of the Westlake Tree Commission, spoke to the students about Arbor Day, the importance of trees and to explain the contest; 117 members of the class designed a poster to enter in the annual contest! The posters were then judged by Stan Barnard and members of the Commission.

Excitement grew as Mayor Clough began to announce the six winners of the contest. The winners – Ciara Weaver, Isabella Frankito, Avery Schreffler, Austin Schneider, Lindsay Sabo and Primit Bafna – each received a proclamation from the



Mayor Dennis Clough stands with the winners of the Dover Intermediate School tree poster contest. The students' posters were selected by the Westlake Tree Commission from 117 entries created by DIS fifth-graders. The annual contest and tree planting celebrates Arbor Day. See more photos at facebook.com/wbvobserver.

mayor announcing their day in Westlake and congratulating them for an outstanding poster. The students also received a ribbon for the winning posters and were told all the posters would be on display the next week at the Westlake Recreation Center.

Mrs. Schneider briefly discussed the history of Arbor Day which began in Nebraska in 1872 when an estimated

1 million trees were planted to promote more tree coverage in the United States. Since 1970, Arbor Day has been observed on the last Friday in April in the continental United States.

Each student was then presented with a pine seedling to plant at their homes, courtesy of the city of Westlake which also provided the tree that was

planted at Dover Intermediate School.

The city's Tree Commission, which has been in existence for 27 years, works tirelessly to preserve trees in Westlake. They also have a great deal of input on what trees should be planted throughout the city. Current members of the tree commission are John Walz, Margie Rossander, Diane Morris, Justin Parks and Mary Beth Schneider. ●

BMS seventh-graders ace national math competition

by KAREN DERBY

Bay Middle School's seventh-grade Continental Math League (CML) team ranked first out of 92 schools from across the nation. The team scored a cumulative 180/180.

In addition, seventh-graders Frank Bird, Andy Mold and Jackson Schelzig were recognized as individual national leaders, each scoring a cumulative 36/36, in the CML program.

Participating students meet five times during the school year to individually tackle problem-solving and math challenges. Bay Middle School competed in the more difficult Pythagorean Division, reflecting above-average reading comprehension and analytical reasoning, as well as computational skills appropriate to the grade level.

Math teacher Lauren Hill coordinates the CML program at Bay Middle School. “The program allows students to challenge themselves and really see what they can do in terms of problem solving,” she said. ●



Bay Middle School seventh-graders Frank Bird, Andy Mold and Jackson Schelzig.

Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

Local author Bill Ayars visits the Bay Village branch library on Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. to talk about his adventures on the Mississippi River and the book he wrote to commemorate his determination and accomplishment, despite obstacles along the way. “My Journey Down the Big Muddy: Love, Heartbreak and Triumph Jet-skiing the Mississippi River” will be available for sale and signing after the presentation.

CHILDREN

Friday, May 4 (3:30 p.m.) STAR WARS DAY – Celebrate Star Wars Day with coding, gaming and Jedi training activities. Don't forget to wear your Star Wars gear!

Monday, May 7 (11 a.m.) HOME-SCHOOL: CATAPULTS – Grades 4-8: Build a catapult and test its accuracy with target practice.

Wednesday, May 9 (7 p.m.) MAD SCIENTISTS: RESCUE MISSION – Grades K-2: Join us for a hands-on science program where we recreate the retrieval of the space shuttle from the ocean. Be prepared to get wet.

Friday, May 11 (10 a.m.) MO FUN – Join us for stories and hands-on activity stations featuring characters including The Pigeon, Elephant and Piggie and more from books by Mo Willems.

Saturday, May 12 (11 a.m.) BIG WHEEL RODEO – Get an early start on bike safety at our indoor rodeo! Join us to hear stories, explore activity stations and navigate an obstacle course. Ride-on vehicles will be provided. Registration required.

TEEN

Thursday, May 3 (3 p.m.) WRITE ON! – Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises and activities to get your creativity flowing. Registration required.

Mondays, May 7 and 14 (7 p.m.) GIRLS WHO CODE – For girls in grades 6-12 who want to explore coding in a fun and friendly way! Our club will meet weekly on Mondays.

Saturday, May 12 (2 p.m.) BUILD YOUR OWN BIRDHOUSE – Grades 5-12: Use tools to build and decorate a wooden birdhouse. Materials will be provided. Registration required.

ADULT

Monday, May 7 (7 p.m.) A REAL/REEL READ – Join us to discuss the book “The Stranger in the Woods” by Michael Finkel and watch clips from a documentary related to the book. Books are available at the Checkout Desk.

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. ●

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THE GREEN REPORT

Gas versus electric?

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

As we head into spring and the weather warms, it's time to start with the yard work again. I want to write about something that quite honestly I had not thought too much about and was surprised by some of the facts I learned.

When it comes to lawn mowers, should you use an electric or gas mower if you want to cut your grass in the most environmentally way possible? Well, the MOST responsible way to cut your grass is to use a push mower, which does not use gas or electricity, just your muscle power. However, this is not realistic for the majority of homeowners with larger yards. If you have a very small yard, however, that may be a good option for you.

The next best option in terms of the environment is the electric mower. Electric mowers are available corded or cordless. Electric lawn mowers have multiple benefits, including no spark plugs, fuel filters or oil to change. They do not need to be refilled with gasoline, and they are more quiet than gas mowers. Corded mowers limit your mobility, however they will not run out of power before you're done with the lawn. Cordless mowers have different charging times, cutting paths, and mow time before the battery runs out, so please make sure you do research on the different options before you purchase.

All electric lawn mowers, whether corded or cordless, must be charged or plugged in while in use, so they are not carbon-neutral because electricity in Ohio is still largely powered by coal. Even so,

the amount of carbon emitted from the electricity used to power the mower falls way under the amount of carbon emitted by gas mowers.

Gas lawn mowers are, surprisingly, much worse for the environment than I thought. Every year over 800 million gallons of gasoline are used in lawn mowers. Furthermore, lawn mowers are responsible for up to 5 percent of the nation's air pollution. According to the U.S. EPA, one new gas lawn mower used for an hour produces the amount of air pollution from emissions as 11 new cars being driven for an hour! Aside from emissions, the EPA estimates that over 17 million gallons of fuel are spilled each year while refueling lawn equipment. Gas spillage contaminates groundwater and the amount that evaporates into the air contributes to smog.

What should you do? If you are in the market for a new mower this year, please seriously consider purchasing an electric one. Make sure you research the different types to ensure you are purchasing one that fits your lawn's needs. If you are not in the market for a mower and use a gas mower still, take extra precaution while filling it so that you do not spill gasoline.

If you have a mower that no longer works, drop-off metal recycling is now available in Bay Village. You can recycle items such as grills, lawn mowers and other bigger items by dropping them off at the Bay Village Service Center. The next drop off will be Friday, May 25, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. This collection takes place on the same days as bulk trash drop-off. ●

THE MEDICAL INSIDER

The ACP lowered the boom on glucose control: Is it right for you?

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Recently diagnosed with diabetes, Al, 65, a chopper pilot and chef, is taking two drugs, still short of ideal control.

Last month, he was relieved when the American College of Physicians (ACP) proposed a more relaxed goal for Type 2 diabetics (or adult-onset diabetes, 90 percent of all diabetics). But as soon as the guideline was released, it came under fire from multiple well-respected organizations including the American Diabetes Association (ADA).

"What do you think?" he asked.

Personally – and call me what you want – until the thinking caps calm down, I'm hiding. Staying dry, upstream, above the fray.

So, what's the rationale behind the ACP's change in attack plan?

First, a word on A1C, a measure of long-term glucose control. Because glucose molecules cross red blood cells freely and tag their proteins, A1C measures these tagged proteins, permanently marked like a tattoo. It reflects glucose control over a three-month time, the lifespan of a red blood cell.

Diabetes is A1C over 6.5 percent. The ADA recommends treating to keep A1C less than 7 percent (average glucose of 154 mg/dL). The ACP wants to raise the goal to 8 percent (average glucose 184 mg/dL) and to ditch some drugs if A1C falls below 6.5 percent.

Ouch.

ADA is concerned. There isn't a single organ in the body diabetes doesn't damage. Some damages begin when A1C exceeds 6.5.

But the ACP, upon reviewing numerous

studies, concluded that controlling diabetes with medications to get below 7 percent compared with 8 percent did not reduce heart attacks, strokes, or prolong life "but did result in substantial harms, including but not limited to hypoglycemia."

This last part, hypoglycemia or low blood sugar worries me the most. The human brain is unique because it depends almost entirely on glucose as a source of energy. While resting, our brains consume 60 percent of total body glucose. Low blood sugar hits the brain early and hard; people get confused, pass out, and lapse into a coma if not treated promptly. Studies in elderly diabetics showed that severe hypoglycemia, acting like a chemical concussion, increases the risk of dementia.

Diabetic medications, even insulin, cannot control glucose perfectly; they can reduce but not prevent all complications. There's a tipping point where the harms of medications equal or outweigh the benefits. It's different for everybody. And it's the doctor's job to figure out where.

My clandestine A1C goal: Do your best.

I have diabetics who run 10K for warmup and nibble tree bark for fiber supplements. I have diabetics who nibble on the run and have in-depth inner dialogues about exercising at all tonight.

All of them are doing their best. And together we'll work out the best combination of drugs and A1C goals.

On two drugs, Al's A1C is down from 12 to 9. Instead of adding a third drug, he wants to eat better, start walking and lose some weight. "Give me four months."

Fine with me, though I may or may not come out of hiding by then. ●

Cuyahoga County Archives moves to new location

by JAYNE BROESTL

Did you know that the Cuyahoga County Archives have moved from the Robert Russell Rhodes House, a Victorian Italianate mansion on Franklin Avenue in the Ohio City

neighborhood, to the old Halle Brothers warehouse at 3951 Perkins Avenue, near East 40th Street? During this transition period, the public has not been able to visit either facility. Hopefully, that will change by the fall of this year.

Looking back in time, it is hard to believe that the Cuyahoga County Archives were not established until the summer of 1975. Prior to that date, records were kept in several county buildings, under various conditions. Some very valuable records, dating as early as 1810, were inadvertently destroyed. With the opening of the Archives at the Russell Rhodes House, the public had wider access and documents were better maintained.

Since then, some of the records, such as births and deaths [1849-1908] and marriages [1810-1941], have been microfilmed and can be viewed online at www.familysearch.org or www.fold3.com. But many other documents remain hidden away in archival storage, awaiting retrieval. These records often contain information of value to the family historian or researcher.

To learn more about these holdings and what to expect when the Archives reopen, the public is invited to attend the Wednesday, May 16, meeting of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Cuyahoga County archivist Judith G. Cetina, Ph.D. will present "Cuyahoga County Archives Holdings at the New Location." Program begins 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. For additional information, visit www.cwcogs.org or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

WESTLAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Reclaiming our community from the opioid epidemic: A grandfather's perspective

by LYDIA GADD

I want to invite interested community members to reserve a seat at the Westlake Senior & Community Services Center on Friday, May 18, at 10 a.m. to hear the poignant personal story of a local family affected by the opiate crisis, AND learn how each and every one of us can be part of the community solution.

The speaker is from Robby's Voice, a non-profit dedicated to saving lives by promoting awareness of drug addiction. The speaker also happens to be Robby's grandfather. Bob Brandt will

share his real life experience along with education about the signs and progression of drug addiction. He will be joined by personnel from the West Shore Enforcement Bureau (WEB) and UH St. John Medical Center, who will provide a resource table and give us an update on our community's current quick response team to assist in getting people connected to the help they need.

Drug addiction is baffling. According to the Robby's Voice website, www.robbysvoice.com, "The key to winning the war against addiction lies with the effort of the community. Law enforce-

ment cannot arrest their way to victory, we must take our communities back through education, awareness and prevention."

We can all play a role. We must break the silence. Silence prolongs suffering, and if you are suffering because you or a family member are struggling with an addiction, you are certainly not alone. Statistics tell us that all of us will probably be affected by someone's addiction in our lifetime.

Call 440-899-3544 to reserve a seat for this free talk. The Westlake Senior & Community Services Center is located at 29694 Center Ridge Road. ●

SPORTING NEWS

Driver, please pull over ... this is my stop

by JEFF BING

You know, maybe I should thank the Browns. Maybe the way the Browns handled the first round of the 2018 draft is the best thing that could have happened to me, because I now have come to realize that I simply *can't* take it anymore. I'm done, baby.

I'm up on the I-480 bridge, and there's no talking me down. Forget the cops, the megaphones and the psychiatrists. And nope, not even the promise of a Snickers bar (which always worked in the past) will change my mind. This is my last Browns draft. Ever. Period.

I don't know what it is about the Browns organization that transforms formerly clear-thinking, highly-trained football talent evaluators into incompetent morons. No, I'm sorry; I misspoke: It's not fair to use the term "morons" here. It's way too insulting ... to *morons*.

And please, don't give me that over-used and *very* tired "let's give the new regime a chance before we criticize them" nonsense, either. After what we have endured the last two decades, it *should* be, "After you win a few games, then we'll talk," okay?

Spare me the "cut 'em some slack" stuff. It's high time the Browns cut *us* some slack. End of discussion.

When I look back at the litany of ludicrous first round draft picks the Browns have made over the past two decades, my vote for the most successful first round draft year has to be 2008. Why? Because that was the only year they *didn't* have a first-round draft choice (translation: We *couldn't* screw it up)!

Now that I think about it, maybe

the NFL should implement their version of the Stepien rule with the Browns.

For those who may be too young to remember, or are otherwise unaware, the NBA implemented the infamous "Stepien Rule" on then-owner Ted Stepien back in the '80s for his wholesale trading of Cavs first round draft choices for (at best) marginal talent in return.

Yes, folks, the NBA had to step in and try to prevent a Cleveland sports team owner from being *too* stupid. It's kind of like not letting a kid run with scissors – you don't want them to hurt themselves, so you give them the pair with the rounded (safe) edges.

My point? Putting this in a more politically correct manner, Jimmy Haslam needs the NFL to help him (not to mention us) from hurting himself.

He and Dee should stick to something they know, like Pilot Flying J. Something they know, and can't possibly get into any trouble with. After all, that's been a squeaky clean operation, no? Yeah, play to your strengths, man.

Jeez, Mike Holmgren, where are you when we need you? In comparison, you look like Don frickin' Shula.

In closing, let me say this: The Browns have had three owners since 1999: Al Lerner, son Randy Lerner, and Jimmy Haslam. As you can see, two of the three were related.

The comedians Three Stooges had Moe Howard, his brother Jerry "Curly" Howard, and Larry Fine. As you can see, two of the three were related.

See where I'm going with this? Coincidence? I think not.

The difference? The Three Stooges were entertaining. ●

Herb Guild to spruce up Rose Hill garden

by BARBARA ARMSTRONG

The May meeting of the Herb Guild Garden Club will be held on Wednesday, May 9, at the Rose Hill herb garden, which is located in Cahoon Park in Bay Village. The Herb Garden is located by the Cahoon House in the park and has been the longest supported garden effort by the Herb Guild. Volunteer teams tend to the garden monthly, weeding and watering as needed.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m., followed by a vigorous workout in the garden to spruce it up after the long, hard winter. New members and guests are welcome. Attendees are asked to bring garden gloves and tools.

Tickets for the 34th annual Scholarship Luncheon, which will be held on Aug. 1, will go on sale at the May meeting. The cost of the luncheon is \$40 and includes a full course lunch, fashion show, culinary tasting table,



basket raffle, silent auction and bake sale. This is a fun event not to be missed. This year's theme is "Under the Tuscan Sun."

For more information on the meeting or luncheon, visit theherbguild.org. ●

BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

Silver medals for 2 Bay students in NYC Scholastic Art and Writing competition

by KAREN DERBY

Two Bay High students were recognized with 2018 National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards silver medals. One silver medal in writing went to senior Emma Legeay for her poem, "Mrs. Plath"; and one silver medal in art went to senior Maria DiLallo for her painting, "Family Is Not Always Blood." Judging for the competition took place in New York City.

The awards followed a strong showing for Bay High School at the Cuyahoga County Regional Scholastic Arts Competition, with students winning 12 Gold Key, 15 Silver Key, and 23 honorable mention awards.

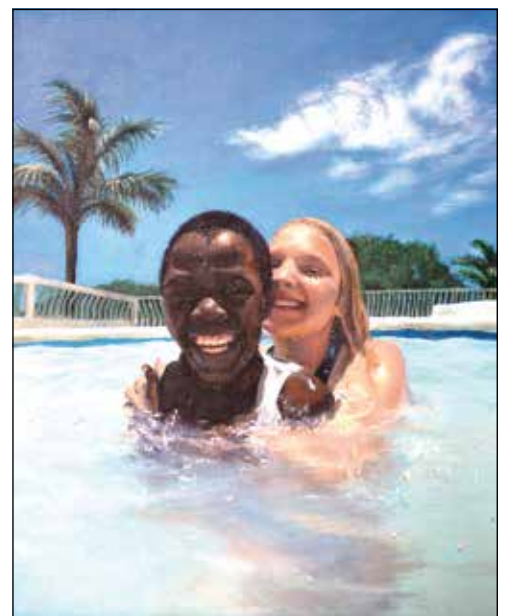
Nearly 350,000 works of art and writing were submitted to the 2018 Scholastic Awards. Hundreds of jurors across the country judged the works in 29 categories of art and writing, such as poetry, sculpture, short story, painting, critical essay and video game design. More than 2,800 students received National Medals this year, joining a list of notable alumni like Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Robert Redford, Kay WalkingtonStick and Zac Posen. ●



Bay High senior Emma Legeay.



Bay High senior Maria DiLallo.



"Family Is Not Always Blood" by Maria DiLallo won a silver medal.

SENIOR LIVING

My parents and technology

by MELY SATO

I just returned from my trip to the Philippines to visit my parents whom I had not seen for two years. My dad celebrated his 84th birthday. It was a wonderful trip to catch up for the lost time and spend time with them but as is always the case, leaving my parents was very difficult. I was talking to a friend about it and she said, "It's the reality." She was right. It's the reality of living thousands of miles away.

But there is one saving grace. Technology. With the iPad, my dad sends me texts and emails. We also chat via FaceTime, Duo or Hangouts. My dad even got to meet my son's baseball teammates during one of his practices.

This is the reason why our nonprofit, Center for Aging in the Digital World, exists – to empower seniors with digital literacy so they can connect with their grandchildren, children, friends, their community and the world. It might be inevitable for your sons,

daughters and grandchildren to live far away but technology has removed distance as a barrier to see each other. Sure, it's not the same as seeing them in person, but it is now an option that 20 years ago was not thought possible.

"Keeping Seniors Connected" is this year's theme of our nonprofit's second annual Living in the Digital World Senior Expo on Thursday, May 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Don Umerley Civic Center in Rocky River. It's a free event. Come with a friend and enjoy refreshments, learn how to keep connected, win prizes and chat with our senior-centric exhibitors.

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BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

Bay Village named a Best Music Education Community for 16th straight year

by **KAREN DERBY**

Standards for inclusion on the prestigious Best Communities for Music Education list have increased consistently over the last 16 years, but the Bay Village City School District is once again so honored for its exemplary music program. First recognized with the designation in 2003, and each year since, Bay Village is among just 583 districts nationwide identified for the honor by the NAMM Foundation this year.

The designation takes on added significance as research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music. In a series of landmark studies by scientists and researchers at Northwestern University, a link was found between students in community music programs and life-long academic success, including higher high school graduation rates and college attendance. In another study from the University, it was discovered that the benefits of early exposure to music education improves how the brain processes and assimilates sounds, a trait that lasts well into adulthood.

Beyond the Northwestern research, other studies have indicated that music

education lays the foundation for individual excellence in group settings, creative problem solving and flexibility in work situations, as well learning how to give and receive constructive criticism to excel.

Districts who wish to be evaluated and considered for the Best Music Education Communities designation must complete a detailed survey responding to questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, certification of instructors and other relevant factors in their music education programs. Examples of how music teachers collaborate on lessons and activities with regular classroom teachers must be provided. Responses are verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

“Music is truly an

integral part of our schools and our entire BayVillage community,” said Clint Keener, superintendent of the Bay Village Schools. “Our students, parents and music instructors are passionate about music. Our community members of all ages support them by turning out in droves for our performances.”

Music instructors are Darren Allen (Bay High instrumental), Mark Awad (Bay Middle instrumental), Dr. E. James Kotora (Normandy music), Elaine Dwyer (Westerly music), Carrie Engelbrecht (Westerly music), Devon Gess (Bay High vocal), Heidi Herczeg (Bay Middle vocal), Jeffrey Schimelpfenig (Westerly strings), and Carrie Singler (Bay High instrumental).

Keener noted that Bay Village just

wouldn't be the same without music provided by the schools. “Our student musicians and vocalists contribute to the quality of life here, whether leading the homecoming parade, the Memorial Day parade or the local merchants' Boo Village Parade at Halloween. Our holiday concerts have become cherished traditions that leave our audiences with uplifted spirits. It's a joy to watch our spring musical with live music from our Pit Orchestra, rather than taped music,” he said. “We have an exceptionally high percentage of students participating in our music programs, and they add a festive, musical note wherever a sense of celebration is required and wherever community members gather.”



Bay Village Schools music educators, from left, front row: Elaine Dwyer (Westerly, vocal), Mark Awad (Bay Middle School, instrumental), Heidi Herczeg (Bay Middle School, vocal). Back row: Darren Allen (Bay High instrumental), Carrie Singler (Bay High, instrumental), Jeffrey Schimelpfenig (Westerly, strings), James Kotora (Normandy, general music), Carrie Engelbrecht (Westerly, general music), and Devon Gess (Bay High, vocal).

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Mayor, City of Westlake

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• **Sarah Rintamaki**
Executive Director, Connecting for Kids

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Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, May 2 and 9 (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. Arrive early to receive a ticket.

Wednesday, May 2 (1-2:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGY SOCIETY HELP SESSION – Join the genealogy group for an informal walk-in help session.

Wednesdays, May 2 and 9 (3:45-5 p.m.) TWEEN SCENE – Weekly hang-out for 5th and 6th graders ONLY!

Wednesdays, May 2 and 9 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, May 3 and 10 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS – Stop by Youth Services to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with one of the reading therapy dogs! Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) HORROR FILM CLUB – Join us as we explore the classics of horror, science fiction and suspense. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

Thursday, May 3 (10-11:30 a.m.) INTRO TO SMARTPHONES – Learn the basics of using smartphones, such as screen brightness, Wi-Fi settings, adding apps, and more. If bringing your device, bring all account passwords. Please register.

Thursdays, May 3 and 10 (4-5:15 p.m.) CODE CLUB! – Learn how to build an app, design a video game and change the world through code. Grades 3-4. Registration begins one week before each session.

Thursday, May 3 (6:30-8 p.m.) SENSORY CONSULT – Does your child hate “itchy” clothes? Is your child bothered by noises or have difficulty with busy environments? Are you concerned about your child’s frequent meltdowns and difficulty interacting with others? Does your child frequently spin, jump and crash his or her body into things? If so, come to our consult where you and your child will meet with a pediatric occupational therapist. Open to children ages 18 months-12 years. Register at connectingforkids.org or call 440-250-5563.

Friday, May 4 and Monday, May 14 (6:30-7:15 p.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.

Friday, May 4 (3:30-4:15 p.m.) FUN SCIENCE FRIDAY – Join Mrs. K as we explore sand and seashells along with the creatures that call the beach home. Discoveries will be made through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take home project. Ages 4-6. Please register.

Saturday, May 5 (All Day) NATIONAL FREE COMIC BOOK DAY – In partnership with Carol & John’s Comic Book Shop, we’ll be giving out free comic books while supplies last. We’ll have a caricature artist on site as well as displays of superhero and cartoon character figures.

Saturday, May 5 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) CINCO DE MAYO! – Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with some festive crafts and activities.

Saturday, May 5 (1-2:45 p.m.) ZENTANGLE BASICS – Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create abstract images by drawing repetitive patterns. Instructors Cathy and Michelle will walk you step-by-step through this amazing art form. Please register.

Saturday, May 5 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS – Love those bricks? Bring your ideas and imagination! Lego and Duplo bricks provided. For ages 3-12.

Sunday, May 6 (2-3:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS! – Drop by the Storytime Room and join in the fun! We will have different activities available each month. All ages welcome.

Sunday, May 6 (3-4 p.m.) ART SMARTS: AZTEC ART – Explore works of a well-known artist and then use what you’ve seen to create an art piece of your own! Grades 3-6. Please register.

Mondays, May 7 and 14 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE – Need a place to hang out after school? We have computers, video games, board games, snacks,

and more! For grades 7-12 only.

Mondays, May 7 and 14 (3-4:30 p.m.) TWEEN CODE CLUB – Learn how to build an app, design a video game and change the world through code! Registration begins one week before each session. Grades 5-8.

Monday, May 7 (7-8 p.m.) 3D PRINTING ORIENTATION – In order to use the library’s new 3D printer, you’ll need to take this orientation first. Learn library policies about using it, how to download a 3D-printable object, and how to prepare it for a great print. Please register.

Monday, May 7 (7-8:15 p.m.) A CELEBRATION OF ANIMATION – Everyone has their favorites, but who are some of the most influential cartoon characters from television? Marty Gitlin, author of the book “A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History,” will host this fun presentation for kids, teens and adults. Please register.

Tuesdays, May 8 and 15 (2-3 p.m.) CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH – Learn Spanish vocabulary and pronunciation with an expert instructor.

Tuesday, May 8 (4-5 p.m.) TWEEN CAKE POP PARTY – Yummy treats are in store for you as we learn how to make and decorate colorful cake pops! All supplies provided. Let us know if you have any food allergies. Grades 5-6. Please register.

Tuesday, May 8 (6-7 p.m.) TEEN CAKE POP CREATIONS – Yummy treats are in store for you as we learn how to make and decorate colorful cake pops! All supplies provided. Let us know if you have any food allergies. Grades 7-12. Please register.

Tuesday, May 8 (7-7:30 p.m.) BEDTIME STORIES: DOWN ON THE FARM – Put on your pajamas and join Mrs. K as we say goodnight to many farm animal friends through quiet stories, songs and fingerplays. Ages 4-6. Siblings welcome.

Tuesday, May 8 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – We’ll discuss “Sycamore” by Bryn Chancellor.

Thursday, May 10 (2-3:30 p.m.) GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION PROGRAM ON WORLD AFFAIRS – Discuss critical global issues facing America today. At the beginning of each month, a copy of the article may be picked up at the Ask Us Desk. Please read the article prior to the meeting. Please register.

Friday, May 11 (9:30 and 10:30 a.m.) and Saturday, May 12 (9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.) MUSIC THERAPY & MORE – For families and their children (ages 0-6

years) who are struggling in an area of development. Siblings (ages 0-6 years) are welcome to attend. Join us for a program designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child’s motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. Each session is 30 minutes. Register at connectingforkids.org/register or by phone: 440-250-5563.

Friday, May 11 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) GOT SCIENCE? – Join us for a fun afternoon as we explore beach activities and experiments. Grades 1 and 2. Registration begins May 4.

Saturday, May 12 (10:30-11 a.m.) MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE! – An interactive storytime featuring simple books, rhymes, songs and movement. For ages birth-3 years old with a caregiver.

Saturday, May 12 (4-5:30 p.m.) STEAM-MAKER LAB – This month’s topic: Math Art! Create various pieces of art using mathematical properties. Grades 3-5. Registration begins May 5.

Sunday, May 13 (2-3 p.m.) AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CLUB – Luciana Vega is an aspiring astronaut ready to take the next giant leap to Mars. We’ll explore space and being an astronaut through games and crafts. Ages 6-11. Registration begins May 6.

Monday, May 14 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKER MONDAY: ALL ABOUT DRONES – Learn all about drones: remote-controlled quadcopters, sometimes with cameras attached, and even get to fly your own (weather permitting). Please register.

Tuesday, May 15 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) TABLET TUESDAY USER GROUP – This group will share tips and tricks with each other about using iPads and Android tablets. Kindle Fire users welcome! Please bring your devices. Please register.

Tuesday, May 15 (7-8:30 p.m.) THE LOST GETTYSBURG ADDRESS – Author David T. Dixon will speak about his book “The Lost Gettysburg Address,” a fast paced narrative that tells the remarkable life story of Charles Anderson, who kept turning up at critical places and moments in the Civil War. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Please register.

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

Clague hosts summer playwright workshop for grades 7-10

by PAM KILPATRICK

Clague Playhouse presents the second annual Barnstormers: Workshop for Aspiring Young Playwrights from June 18 through June 30. This is a two-week, hands-on workshop where students in grades 7-10 can collaborate with each other and professionals in the fields of Creative Writing and Dramatic

Arts to create, produce and ultimately perform original one-act plays for a live audience on the Clague Playhouse stage.

Students will have opportunities to fulfill writing, acting and production roles. Classes will be held at Clague Playhouse Monday through Friday, June 18 to June 29 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., followed by two performances on Friday, June 29, and Saturday, June 30.

Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$100 per student. Enrollment minimum is 5 students; maximum is 12 students.

Deadline for registration is June 13. Registration form is available at the Clague Playhouse box office (Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1-6 p.m.) or online at clagueplayhouse.org. Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Clague Road in Westlake. ●



BAYarts presents annual ceramic exhibition: ‘Body of Work’

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

May marks the return of the BAYarts annual ceramic exhibition. Moira Beale, head of BAYarts’ ceramic department, curates the exhibition, which is in its 10th year. The theme this year is “Body of Work,” inspired by the human form both literally and figuratively.

When it comes to the literal use of the exhibition name, Beale describes the elements of a piece. “The interesting thing about ceramics is that every part of a pot is named after a body part ... you have the feet, the belly, the neck. We talk a lot about the human form in ceramics.” It’s a matter of language. But “Body of Work” also has a thematic visual aspect.

Visually, ceramics present plenty of ways to convey the human form. “Not only are ceramics named after the body, but it’s very sensual. You may have a classic pot from Japan that might have a full belly and a neck. You could look at that, and to me, that can be very human-like.” In this knowledge, Beale had found her inspiration.

“Body of work” as a phrase also applies to the cumulative years of experience for these advanced students. “This is a show for intermediate to advanced students,” said Beale. “I want beginners to play with clay and try a million different things. When you begin, you do a little bit of everything. For ‘Body of Work,’ we’re talking about a cohesive grouping where all the pieces relate to each other in a way. Once advanced students have gone through a lot of playing and experimenting, we want them to take one thing and work on it, craft it, and take it as far as



A collection of face jugs by Kim Case.

they can take it.” The dedication required is what helps advanced students skillfully produce their work.

What can one expect to see on opening night? Instructor and artist Andrea Serafino is using black and white pieces with sgraffito, which is an application of applying paint, drawing a design, and carving paint away to reveal the art. “They are male and female designs, but they are subtle abstract designs,” she explained. “One has female breasts on it, but if you don’t know to look for it, you probably won’t see it. I like playing with those hidden meanings you don’t get right away.”

There is Kim Case, who has specifically chosen to expand upon the human head, working on expressions in over 60 pieces. “I’ve always loved and admired the ‘folk art’ face jugs made in the Carolinas and Georgia in the 1800s by African-American slaves. Whether made for practical, spiritual or political purposes, those original face jugs seem



A mixed media doll by Heather McQueen.

sacred to me, and I didn’t want to copy them. I simply wanted to learn to make my own that captured a feeling, imparted by facial expression. I want them to be evocative.” The pieces range in size from 4 inches to 12 inches and display a variety of glazes.

Mr. Saddlebags, Sally Seashells, and Mr. He-haw are mixed media dolls with ceram-

ic faces, created by Heather McQueen. “I’m a jeweler, so I like working in small scale,” she says about her decision to focus on the tiny, striking faces. “I like organic forms, incorporating texture, and things I find.” To that point, feedsacks and vintage fabric from the ‘30s were both employed for the constructions of the charming line-up.

Joan Barrett has three statement pieces that represent wind, water and fire. In each, a ceramic sphere, encased by an encaustic medium, sits atop a ceramic structure. The fire-themed base utilizes a bright red glaze, with the others following true to their elements.

“These represent an attack on the fragileness of the earth,” she said. Two of the spheres will be topped with wire figures of the human form. In using wax over the pottery, she is using a brand-new application for the medium that she had to figure out on her own.

What’s clear is that no two students are working on the same thing.

Students have more than just the ability to exhibit their work, but also to learn the entire exhibition process. This includes working out the display, pricing and business aspects. This is all guided by Beale. “I was a gallery owner for some years, and I know what shops and galleries are looking for, and what is needed to produce that work,” she stated. “Having that background, I wanted to teach these students what was involved in producing professional work. It includes their commitment to production, deadlines, pricing their pieces, and taking care of the reception. I want them to learn everything that is involved in putting a show together.” All of that will be done during the course of a week, culminating in the opening reception.

As the students and artists grow, Beale feels great pride. “These students are other things in their real life,” said Beale, “but with the hours they spend in the studio, they can produce work that’s exhibit worthy and they can feel proud of it. We love to show what we can do here.”

The exhibition will be on display May 4-26 (daily hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.), with an opening reception on Friday, May 4, 7-9 p.m. ●

POETRY

Plastic

by WARREN REMEIN

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DIGGING DOVER

The Sylvanus and Mary Crocker House, 29242 Detroit Road, part II

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

The current owner, Bill Nordgren, purchased the property in 1973. During his 45 years of ownership he did research on the house which he made available to me. Some of the highlights of his research, along with my own, will be recounted here.

In 1865 Sylvanus and Mary Crocker sold a 97.46 acre portion of Original Lot 63 to Ernst F. Walker and another buyer. An 1874 plat map shows E.F. Walker owning 77.46 acres of O.L. 63 including the subject property. This acreage includes all the property north under I-90 all the way to today's Bassett and Clemens roads and includes a rectangle with corners consisting of the Red Roof Inn on Clemens to the Hampton Inn on Detroit back to the subject house. Ernst and his wife Maria owned all of this property until shortly before his death. They sold the property to their son J.F. Christian Walker in 1909.

Bill Nordgren's uncovered quite a bit of information about Ernst F. Walker. Ernst was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1837. He moved to Ohio with his parents in 1854. He married Maria Boehning in 1860 and moved to Dover Township upon purchasing this land in 1865. Ernst was a trustee of Dover Township for one year in 1866. They had eight children, all but one were born while they owned this house.

The Walkers' daughter Emma married August Lamp, and had a son Oliver who used to spend his time at this, his grandfather's farm. Oliver became a commercial artist, and did an oil painting of the farm from memory. The view is from the north, looking past two barns (one of which still exists) to the house, from about the location of the creek which cuts across a corner of the property. At that time the northern section of the house was a single story. The long porch on the east side was already there. There is a 1903 plat map which shows the house and two barns in the configuration depicted in the painting.

The farm was sold and purchased back by the Walker family in the early 1900s. Finally in 1925 Christian and Mildred Walker sold the easterly 47.46 acres with the house and barns to Delphine and William R. White. Delphine split the property into the Ramona Acres Subdivision shortly afterwards and sold the 1.3 acre Sub-lot 1 with the house and barns to Mildred White in 1938. It is most likely

this Mildred who gave her name to a street that was largely obliterated later by the construction of I-90. A short section of Mildred Avenue remains as an entrance drive just east of Sibling Revelry brewery on Clemens Road.

Mildred White sold the property to a bank in 1941 and John H. Mattern purchased it from the bank.

According to Bill Nordgren, at some time during the Whites' ownership of the property, the house was used as a "road house" – a gambling and (most likely) drinking establishment. When the Matterns bought the house, they had to scrape black paint from the bottom half of all of the windows on the ground floor. There was a signal system from the kitchen to the second floor "game room" to alert the occupants of an impending visit from the police. This system was still functional when the Matterns moved in, and one of the sons used it to harass the daughter whose room the bell was in.

Nordgren states that there are still artifacts of this era in the barn, including an iron plate with a peep-hole that was used to make the door to the game room bulletproof. The size of the one-room addition which is much larger than a typical bedroom, the location of the creek behind the property (handy for smuggling liquor), a sort of crude stone stairway that ascends to a window in the basement and deteriorated wood liquor boxes found in the basement add credibility to the story that this was a drinking as well as a gambling establishment.

Another interesting clue is that an old Dover directory which lists the occupants of houses in the city, probably used by safety forces, is mysteriously blank next to this address. The directory is undated but based on its other contents dates from about 1934 until 1938.

After John and his wife, Nina Mattern, both died the property was sold to Bill Nordgren.



Images of Sylvanus and Mary Crocker from "Retracing Footsteps" by Catherine Flament.



One of the property's two barns is still standing.

PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE



COURTESY MATTERN FAMILY

A "game room" for illicit gambling was added to the second floor of the rear of the house, seen above on the right.

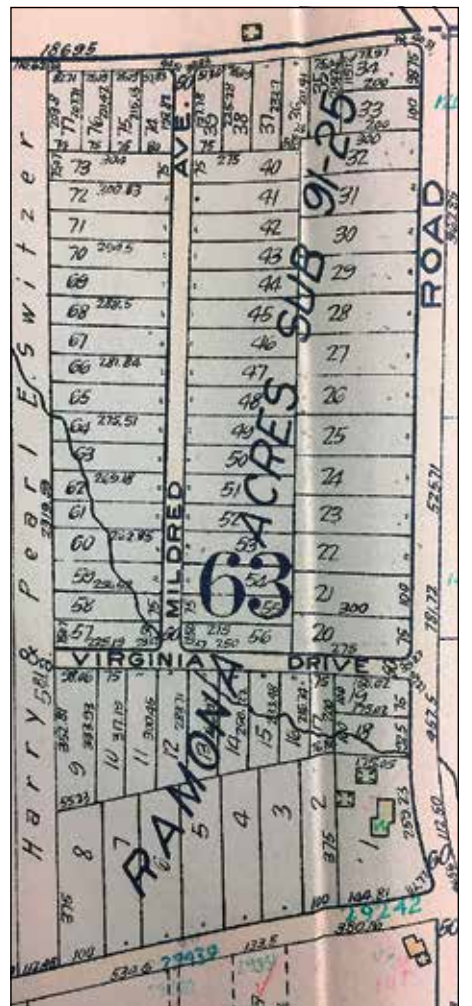


PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

Interior view of basement window with crude stone stairs for quick exit.

Germans typically love beer so it seems only fitting that Sibling Revelry brewery recently located on property that was once owned by Germans who sold part of it earlier for a speakeasy.

The four bedroom, one and one-half bathroom, 2,514 square foot home and 1.3 acres with barn is currently for sale for \$325,000. ●



Ramona Acres Subdivision



PHOTOS BY RACHAEL CERVONE



Westlake Rec Center hosts dogs night out event

by RACHAEL CERVONE

The Westlake Recreation Center's Howl at the Moon event is back by popular demand! This year's event will be held on Thursday, June 28, at 7 p.m. Come join us for an evening walk around our trail with your four-legged companions. We will have ice cream, an

agility course, Westlake K-9 Unit, and various pet-friendly vendors.

All monetary proceeds are donated to Westlake Animal Shelter. Bring a pet food or treat donation for entry into our raffle. These items will be donated to the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter, who will be on site with adoptable dogs. Admission is a \$2 donation per person. ●

Explorer Club 360 and the chemistry of Porter Creek

This is the last in a series of articles written by Explorer Club 360 on the health of Porter Creek, a stream that flows through Westlake and Bay Village, discharging to Lake Erie at Huntington Beach. Concern regarding the creek came from a 2014 study by the Cuyahoga County Health Department that stated that E. coli from Porter Creek was responsible for closing the beach for 10-20 percent of the swimming season.

by NORAH HAMIL, LEAH OXSALIDA and ERIN VANDERKARR

Our assignment was to research the chemistry of Porter Creek. We looked for characteristics such as pH levels, total dissolved solids, salinity, conductivity and coliform. The goal of the assignment was to see if there is a main source where the most pollutants are being discharged into the creek

water. We believe our assignment is important because if our creeks are being strongly polluted it may start to affect our main water source, Lake Erie. By taking these tests we were able to see the main pollutants in the water and how they are affecting our creeks.

Starting near Bay High School we took a water sample from the part of the creek that had the strongest current. We also took samples from the creek near Westerly School and very close to where the creek empties out into the lake. To get reliable results we had Matt Oxsalida, an environmental engineer, come along with us. He showed us how to use a “Hanna Meter” which is a tool used to test common parameters.

Once we got all of our samples and data we noticed a main difference throughout the three locations. At each location the pH level was not the same. At the Bay High School location



PHOTO BY RICHARD GASH

Norah and Leah take a water sample from the middle of Porter Creek.

a pH of 9.5 was measured, which according to Mr. Oxsalida is above the Ohio EPA standard of 9.0. Fish in a common water environment have difficulty surviving in water above an 8.6.

Overall in our research we saw that the main problem was the high measure-

ment of coliform showing that E. coli might be present in Porter Creek. If we can find a way to take more samples and figure out a solution to this problem the lake would be a lot healthier and Huntington Beach would be open all swimming season. Be sure to check

Grandparent shenanigans at Bay Village Community Theater



PHOTO BY MARGARET HNAT

Nick's grandparents will do anything to prevent him from moving to the other side of the country, including setting him up on a blind date in Bay Village Community Theater's “Over the River and Through the Woods” May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. and May 6 at 3 p.m. Order tickets online: baytheater.yapsody.com or call 440-847-8494. (Pictured, from left to right: Zack Mitchell, Rodger Govea, Jonathan McCleery, Kristin Brosky, Meg Parish and Margy Haas.)

this summer before going through creeks or even going into the lake, especially after a storm, that you don't have any open wounds or cuts.

Learning for Life, Explorer Club 360 is chartered to Bay Sea Scouts Inc. and is a co-ed after school program for middle school youth. Club 360 in the summer can be found sailing and boating on Lake Erie. For more information contact Richard Gash, 440-871-6106 or skipper@seascoutship41.org. ●

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Going on vacation? Get free Wi-Fi from Porter Library

by JENNIFER CIRINCIONE

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Go online to westlakelibrary.org to reserve your hotspot today. ●

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Anna Evans earns Bay Village Historical Society scholarship

by ERIC EAKIN

Anna Evans has been selected to receive the Bay Village Historical Society's scholarship for 2018.

Evans is the daughter of Karyn and Tim Evans, both teachers.

Evans was awarded the Academic Excellence Award all four years of her high-school career. She was nominated for Buckeye Girls State her junior year and attended the Summer Linguistics Institute for Youth Scholars at The Ohio State University prior to her senior year. (SLIYS promotes foreign language study, including Spanish, Korean, French, Turkish, Chinese and additional foreign language, in all aspects by cultivating a deeper appreciation of language similarities and differences.)

A member of the National Honor Society her junior and senior years, Evans also was involved in Youth Challenge Sports, YC Volunteer Committee, the soccer team, Youth Philanthropy Fellowship, student council and the yoga club.

Evans intends to pursue a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science at The Ohio State University in



Bay High senior Anna Evans

the fall, followed by a master's degree in speech-language pathology.

"I am truly honored to have been awarded this generous scholarship," Evans said. "This scholarship will help me immensely as I pursue a degree in speech pathology and will ultimately benefit the children with communication disorders that I hope to serve in the future. I am entirely enthralled by every aspect of language and the concept of communication and I am very much looking forward to engaging myself in these studies." ●

WHS senior named U.S. Presidential Scholars semifinalist

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Westlake High School senior Patrick Lee was named a U.S. Presidential Scholars semifinalist.

Patrick is among 630 students in the nation and 20 from Ohio to advance to the final round for this prestigious award.

From nearly 3.5 million graduating high school seniors, more than 5,300 students were identified as candidates in the program, and 630 named semifinalists. Each year, up to 161 students nationwide are named Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

Application for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program is by invitation only. Students must score exceptionally well on either the SAT or ACT and submit candidacy materials, including essays, self-assessments, second-

ary school reports and transcripts. Candidates are evaluated on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and an analysis of their essay.

About 800 candidates are named semifinalists and will be forwarded to a commission for further review. In April, the Commission on Presidential Scholars selects up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars.

Students chosen as U.S. Presidential Scholars receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June and the U.S. Presidential Scholars medallion at a ceremony sponsored by the White House. The federal program has honored more than 7,000 U.S. Presidential Scholars.

Patrick intends to study engineering in college. At WHS he is involved in cross country, swimming, marching band, jazz band, Science Olympiad, Academic Chal-



Westlake High School senior Patrick Lee

lenge and Leadership Challenge. He also is an Eagle Scout and is a National Merit Semifinalist.

In 2015, three WHS students were named candidates – Aswin Bikkani, Nicholas Craven and Kartik Dhinakaran – with Aswin going on to be named a semifinalist. In 2016, Alex Ikezawa was named a candidate. And in 2017 Justin Krantz was named a candidate. This year, Ryan Karpuska and Patrick were named candidates, with Patrick moving on to semifinalist status. ●

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Porter trustees encourage Yes vote

The Board of Trustees of the Westlake Porter Public Library wholeheartedly endorses a YES vote for Issue 6, our five-year renewal operating levy on the May 8 ballot.

Since passing an operating levy 10 years ago the library has carefully managed its resources and operated without any increase in taxes. Issue 6 is also a renewal with no increase in taxes to Westlake voters.

With an extensive and ever-changing collection of over a quarter of a million items in a variety of digital, electronic and print formats, the Westlake library serves all segments of the diverse Westlake community. Open 70 hours each week and with over 66,000 square feet of collaborative space the library offers the latest in technology and media resources with little or no

cost to patrons.

In the five years since the current levy was passed in 2013, the library has begun offering new collections and services such as access to thousands of books and other materials via SearchOhio and OhioLink, Roku and GoChip streaming devices, 4K Ultra HD discs, video games, passport service, Laptops Anytime, mobile device charging machines, auto-renewals and access to online education services like Lynda.com, and also undergone a major renovation – all without asking taxpayers for additional funds.

We urge the entire Westlake community to join with us and vote YES on Issue 6 on the May 8 ballot.

Sincerely,
Board of Trustees,
Westlake Porter Public Library

Superman and friends visit Porter Library

by MEL MAURER

It was one of those rare days when you hope your kids ask what you did at work that day.

Monday, April 23, was such a day for Duane Gibson and Jim Newton in the Building Services Department at Westlake Porter Public Library, when they worked with Charlie Brown, Lucy, Snoopy, SpongeBob, Bob the Minion, Batman, The Hulk – and they made Superman fly!

My exhibit of these characters ("My Guys") that I've made over the years, which I usually show on my porch each October, could not have not been in better hands than

the staff at Porter Library.

I'm thrilled – as are My Guys – to have them on display where children can get up close to them without suffering the sometimes cold and rainy weather of Octobers in Westlake. Photographs are encouraged.

They will be at the library through Comic Book Day on Saturday, May 5, (pick up free comic books while you're at the library) recognizing the fun and cultural influence of comic books, especially this year – the 80th anniversary of Cleveland's own Superman!

Yes, it's "up, up and awaaay" time at Porter Library – and may votes for Issue 6 (the library renewal levy) soar like the Man of Steel on Election Day. ●



Jim Newton helps Superman take flight at Porter Library.

PHOTO BY MEL MAURER

SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE HISTORY

Joseph Waldeck

by KAY LAUGHLIN

Joseph Waldeck came into Dover Township in 1899. Joseph was the superintendent of the American Steel & Wire Company on East 55th Street in Cleveland. His brother had just purchased a farm in the township where Lakewood Country Club is today, and Joseph considered buying one himself.

Casper Wuebker worked at American Steel & Wire. He lived in West Dover on Bradley Road south of the railroad tracks. He informed Joseph of a farm for sale on Bassett Road. The farm was owned by A.C. and Emma Phinney. The Phinneys had moved to Lake Road on the east end of the township on the lake (Cashelmara today). Porter Creek ran

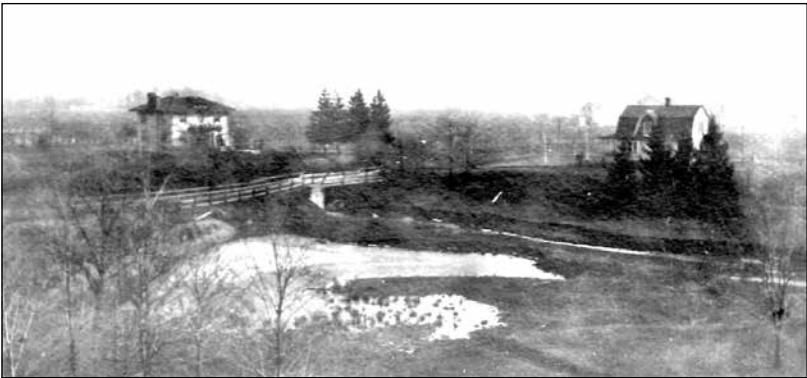
through the property and all told the farm contained 23 acres. Neighbors were Reuben Osborn and the Albers family.

The Waldeck farm was on Lot 83 on the east side of Bassett Road. The first owner of the property had been Caleb Eddy in 1826. At this time, Bassett Road had wide drainage ditches on either side of it, with an iron plank floor bridge across Porter Creek. Joseph built a fine new stucco house on the south bank of the creek behind where the Caleb Eddy house had stood. The address today is 503 Bassett Road. The house was built by Arthur Hagedorn who lived south of him on Bassett Road.

Joseph had a fruit

orchard. He began experimenting with tree trimming and tree spraying, uncommon in those days.

Although Joseph was of German ancestry, he was not part of the German community. His children attended West High School in Cleveland. After Joseph sold the house, the Kulus family moved in and lived there through the 1940s and 1950s. The property was split and the two children, a daughter and son, built houses north of the creek. They lived there for many years. ●



Joseph Waldeck's house, left, sat near Porter Creek on a 23-acre lot on Bassett Road.



Joseph Waldeck built a stucco house on the south bank of Porter Creek in 1899.

READER'S OPINION

Our mother taught us that life is hard

by COLLEEN HARDING

Recently I had a conversation with my daughter that made me think about our mother. I asked her why she didn't want to do something and she said because it was hard. As adults, we don't like to do things that are hard either. Perhaps we are passing it on to our children. For example, it's hard to get our kids to do things that are hard!

I look back on our childhood and wonder what our mother did about things that were hard. She seemed to encourage the completion of things that were hard a bit more. Personally, I remember going to a different school separate from my siblings because my grade was full at the other school. That was hard. Losing our dad at a young age. That was hard. Not making sports teams, not getting invited to parties, not being liked by a boy that I had a crush on. THAT WAS HARD! Things were not always "fair" back then.

Here's what these experiences did for us. They taught us that sometimes life is not fair and it's HARD! Managing our children's expectations is an important part of their upbringing. If we allow them to go through life thinking things are fair, we are setting them up for a world of disappointment.

Life is hard! We don't always get the grade we want or the job or the car or house or vacation or the significant other, etc. Life is not fair or kind or predictable and it's hard! When we make things easy, predictable and fair for our children, we allow them to believe life is fair and it's not. Then when things get difficult and don't go as they expect, they are lost.

With each heartbreak and disappointment comes a lesson. It thickens our skin and teaches us to be tough and that we can endure. Every situation that gets you down comes with an opportunity to get up! There are significant lessons in our failures. Most successful people today started their journey with a disappointment or a failure. Failures are where the great lessons of life hide.

Teach your children how to respond to disappointment and recognize the valuable lessons that come with setbacks. Provide positive support but allow them to figure it out on their own. Perhaps they may be able to handle the next disappointments with a newfound grace, dignity and confidence. ●

Bay Bike to School Challenge returns for 11th year

The Bay Bike to School Challenge returns in May, which encourages Bay Village Schools students to ride their bikes to school to improve their health, reduce traffic congestion, save money and protect the environment.

The Bay Bike to School Challenge was inspired by a student-led effort in 2007, when a group of Bay High School students rode their bikes to school to protest high gasoline prices. When Bay High School alumnus Scott Cowan heard about it, he contacted school staff and started working with them to turn the idea into an organized program at Bay High School and Bay Middle School in 2008.

The program kicks off on Thursday, May 3, with the Bay Village Bicycle Fair. All

members of the Bay Village community are invited to bring their bicycles to get a free safety inspection by the professional bicycle mechanics from Century Cycles in Rocky River. The Bay Village Bicycle Fair will run from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Road. School staff will be on hand to answer questions about the Bay Bike to School Challenge. Information from other organizers and sponsors will also be available.

The biking challenge officially begins on Monday, May 7, at Bay Middle School, and on Monday, May 14, at Westerly Elementary School. The last day of the challenge is Friday, May 25, at both schools.

Each day a student rides their bike to school during the challenge period, they get a stamp on their "ride card" to

keep track of the number of days ridden. Stamps earn students prizes from the program sponsors, such as T-shirts, bike water bottles, food and drinks from local restaurants, plus entries into the grand prize drawings. The grand prize drawings of bikes will be held at a school assembly on the final day of the challenge. Wednesday, May 9, is National Bike to School Day, which typically sees record participation. In 2017, 54 percent of all students at both Bay Middle School and Westerly Elementary School rode their bikes to school. This compares to a national average of less than 15 percent of students biking to school, or as low as 5 percent in some schools. Overall during the Bay Bike to School Challenge in 2017, students at both schools rode over 20,000 miles. ●

THE BAY VILLAGE FOUNDATION

Residents with to be honored with bronze plaques in annual Memorial Day observance

by ELIZABETH MILLI

The Bay Village Foundation will honor Russell D. Brill, Henry and Betty Laub, Gerald and Joyce Maurer, Wayne A. and Jeanne M. Reese and Jean and Julius Zajac, with permanent bronze memorial plaques to be installed at the T. Richard Martin Memorial Bridge in Cahoon Park on Monday, May 28. The program will take place at Cahoon Park North under the tent following the city's Memorial Day observance at the gazebo. Friends of the families and the public are invited to attend the annual ceremony and view the plaques currently installed on the footbridge, along with

the new memorials.

Bay High soloist Natalie Surdy will sing "The Water is Wide" as part of the dedication ceremony. Megan Evans (violin I), Abigail Cho (violin II), Christina Randazzo (viola), Emily Boggess (cello) and Lillian Graber (bass) of the Bay High Honors String Quartet, will also perform.

The Foundation will also announce the recipients of its the annual grants during the program, and will award four scholarships to Bay students this year (an increase from three in previous years), including the T. Richard Martin Memorial Scholarship that is funded by a gift from the Martin family.

The Bay Village Foundation has been

creating a beautiful way to remember loved ones for 17 years. The Village Foundation Bronze Plaque Program was established as a way for families and friends to give permanent recognition to Bay citizens in one central place. Donors that contribute \$2,500 or more may request a plaque to honor the life and work of Bay Village residents, living or deceased.

For more information about The Bay Village Foundation estate planning, the grant application process or contributions towards a plaque, please call 440- 899-3490. Applications for scholarships and guidelines for grant proposals are available at www.thebayvillagefoundation.org. ●

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Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Tuesday, May 1, 7 p.m.
CUYAHOGA RIVER DISCUSSION

The health of the Cuyahoga River will be the topic for the meeting of the Westlake/North Olmsted Chapter of the League of Women Voters. Elaine Marsh, Watershed Specialist for Summit County Metro Parks, will present the interwoven story of the Cuyahoga River, the Gorge Metro Park and the 420-foot-by-60-foot Gorge dam, which is being studied for removal. It is a fascinating tale of gravity and water, scenic beauty and contamination, and competing economies. The program will feature the transformative benefits of dismantling the dam and "Freeing the Falls" which currently lie drowned under this obsolete mass of concrete.

North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd.

Wednesday, May 2, 8 a.m.
LADIES TEE SHOTS

Join a fun group for 9 holes of golf on Wednesday mornings beginning at 8 a.m. from May 2-Sept. 26. Call Jeanne, 440-871-4799.

Meadowood Golf Course, 29800 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, May 2, 1-2:30 p.m.
FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE
Members of Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS will offer free family history research assistance to the public. If you have data recorded to pedigree and/or family group sheets, bring these forms

with you.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, May 3, 7-8:30 p.m.
WESTLAKE UNITY TOASTMASTERS
Learn to overcome your fears of speaking, develop better speaking and presentation skills, think quickly and clearly on your feet, build strong leadership and mentoring skills, and open doors in your personal and professional life. Contact: Mary Anne, 216-374-3205.
Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Saturday, May 5, 2-5 p.m.
CENTER FOR ARTFUL LIVING OPEN HOUSE
Westlake's new center provides arts enrichment programs for individuals affected by dementia and their care partners. The Center is also an available arts/music facility that can be rented by the community for classes, programs, meetings and opportunities for art shows in the new gallery. Tours and refreshments plus adjacent parking.
26633 Detroit Road, Westlake

Monday, May 7, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREES INC. (PERI) CHAPTER 91 MEETING
Guest speaker will be Steve Toth, representative for retirees on the board of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). He will talk about current issues facing the OPERS Board as well as current legislation in the Ohio state house. Public sector retirees are welcome to attend the meetings.
Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Rd.

Monday, May 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
ROCKY RIVER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT
RRCMS will close its 59th season with a concert featuring two Cleveland Orchestra members: Peter Otto, first associate concertmaster, and Trina Struble, principal harp. Joining them will be pianist Randall Fusco, who has performed often with Cleveland Orchestra members and

is professor of music at Hiram College. This ensemble will play works by Camille Saint-Saëns, Jörg Widmann and Astor Piazzolla. Free admission; all are welcome.
West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River

Tuesday, May 8, 7 p.m.
MANAGING RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS: INFORMED RETIREMENT DECISIONS
This workshop is primarily intended for adults who are nearing retirement and considering how their employer-based retirement plans will contribute to their income. Some audience members may be uncertain or unaware of how to build up retirement plan assets or roll over retirement plan assets. Decisions they make about how and when to use their retirement plan assets can have a long-term impact on their retirement paycheck. Free; RSVP to 440- 899-3442.
Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Wednesday, May 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
DIGITAL CONTENT, EBOOKS AND MORE FROM YOUR LIBRARY
The speaker for the NEOPC (Northeast Ohio Personal Computers) meeting will be Carla Schober, Porter Library's assistant manager for Adult Services. Books, magazines, videos and the Reference Section have ever-changing formats and access methods. Join us as she presents what's available today. Refreshments at 6:30; meeting at 7:00. Free and open to all. For more information, go to www.neopc.org.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, May 9, 7 p.m.
SKYQUEST: THE NIGHT SKY
Take an in-depth tour with Bill Reed, as we use both of our star projectors to find the constellations, planets and review the current events happening in the night sky. Fee: \$7/ person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Thursday, May 10, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
ART WITHOUT BORDERS: TOUR OF CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART
Join fellow art lovers on the ARTbus as we explore the region's rich cultural offerings. Call to reserve your spot, 440-871-6543. Self guided tour. Bring a lunch or purchase at museum. Fee of \$35 includes transportation/gratuity.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

Monday, May 14, 7-8:45 p.m.
WEST SHORE ANTIQUE AND HISTORY GROUP
Kolman Rosenberg, a freelance photographer, will present a program on old cameras, their history and the history of photography. He will also show examples of his work and basic tips on how to take a good picture. Open to guests; we encourage new members.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Tuesday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.
ST. LADISLAS 50+ CLUB
Our May entertainment will feature the return of the "Raisin' Canes" and a catered meal. Cost is \$11 per person. Reservations should be made by calling 440-937-8089 by May 11. You do not have to be a member of St. Lads to attend this fun event.
St. Ladislav Church, Cullen Hall, 2345 Bassett Rd., Westlake

Tuesday, May 15, 5-8 p.m.
'SO YOU'VE RETIRED. NOW WHAT?'
This session will focus on the personal fulfillment of the new retiree. At 6:00 p.m. there will be a panel discussion with retirees who are either volunteering and/or went back to work. There will also be a Volunteer Fair with many organizations represented that offer a variety of volunteer opportunities.
Bay Village Dwyer Memorial Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane

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