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Porter levy passes with record approval rate

Westlake Porter Public Library director Andrew Mangels (kneeling, left) and levy committee chair Bob Plantz (kneeling, right) celebrate with volunteers the passage of the library's levy on May 8. The five-year operating renewal was passed with an 81 percent favorable outcome, the highest approval rate on record. Westlake voters cast 6,848 votes on Election Day; 5,558 for the levy and 1,290 against. More than 25 volunteers, led by library board trustee Bob Plantz, worked hard to get the word out about the community benefits of a strong library. The campaign was also aided by Heather Drago's Westlake-based company Clever Girl Marketing.

BAYarts updates community on former playhouse

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

BAYarts held an informational town hall meeting on May 9 to inform residents about the progress and plans for the former Huntington Playhouse. Executive Director Nancy Heaton, board President Mary Conway Sullivan and board VP and manager of the project, Peter Winzig (all residents of Bay Village) talked about the history and future of the cultural arts campus.

The meeting was held in the lobby of the

playhouse and guests were able to peak into the old theater and stage, and see the work that needs to be done in order to reopen the doors.

Heaton introduced the discussion with a brief history of the arts organization, now in its 70th year. BAYarts and the former playhouse organizations are affiliates of Cleveland Metroparks, which means they have a collaborative relationship for construction projects and the footprint of the park.

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SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE HISTORY

The home front: I remember WWII

by KAY LAUGHLIN

If you were alive during World War II, you were caught up in the atmosphere. It was a time you never forgot.

I was just a little girl. I do not remember Pearl Harbor being attacked. My first remembrance is a voice coming from the orange dial on our console radio. Gabriel Heatter is saying, "Good evening, everyone. There's good news tonight." His trademark sign-on was followed by the bad news. He scared me to death. The newspapers had maps with red and blue lines showing how far we had advanced or retreated.

Each neighborhood had an air raid warden and helpers. Ours were my dad, Larry Carman, Ralph Wieland, Harold Inwood and Art Hook. The top guy was known as the chief block head. We would practice blackouts by pulling down the shades while the dads patrolled the neighborhood with flashlights, looking for anything out of place. Spooky times for a little kid.

The air raid siren for our neighborhood was on our garage. One day Mom cranked it for us to hear. She was soon bombed by a nest of hornets that had taken up residence in the siren. Poor Mom.

We ran for the hose and made mud to put on her head. She was the only one in Bay bombed in WWII.

I was in Mrs. Swaim's second-grade class in the west portable (BayWay Cabin). Each morning a student from the high school came in selling saving stamps for a penny. My sister Barbara had a corsage made of saving stamps with red, white and blue ribbons.

Each member of a family had three ration-stamp books for meat, sugar and gas. You had to be careful using them so they made it to the end of the month.



The J. Ross Rothaermel family in 1943. From left: Dad, Gay, Sgt. Eddie Bartell (home on furlough), Kay, Mom and Barb.

The girl scouts collected grease. Housewives saved their grease, and my sister Barb collected it. Not sure what it was used for.

The folks cleaned house and brass beds appeared in railroad cars for the war effort. The oak tree woods west of our house was cut down and used for staging at the Lorain shipyard.

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Forum addresses school safety

by ALLEN PORTER

The 912 Project Westlake hosted a Children's Safety in Schools speakers' forum on Saturday, May 5, as part of their objective to inform citizens about issues of community concern. Allen Porter, Westlake resident and member of the 912 Project moderated the forum that included: Bob

Scott, Avon Lake superintendent; Scott Goggin, Westlake superintendent; Dr. Kathleen Kern, executive director of the Lorain County Board of Mental Health; Capt. Duane Streater, Avon Lake Police chief; Capt. Kevin Bielozer, Westlake Police chief; Kendra Yurgionas, Westlake Police patrolman; and Avon Lake Mayor Greg Zilka.

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Westlake and Avon Lake officials shared information about measures being taken to keep children safe in school.



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BAYARTS *from front page*

Past projects include the restoration of the Irene Lawrence Fuller House (2010), the construction of the Karen Ryel Ceramic Arts & Education Studio (2015), the installation of lighting and creation of accessible sidewalks, utility upgrades, landscape installation and maintenance. BAYarts leases the buildings from the Cleveland Metroparks, but is responsible for all improvements and maintenance. Vento la Trattoria is subleased from BAYarts.

Heaton talked about the need to raise funds to restore the playhouse which BAYarts acquired after a public bidding process. Safety and accessibility issues are the priority for any public use; and with a goal of providing year-round programming, heat, insulation and utility upgrades need to be addressed.

Winzig explained that the renovation will be done in three phases, beginning with the west “lobby” for use by this summer for classes and events, followed by the eastern “barn” section and then the middle theater section, which will be the most costly and complex piece of the renovation. Local architect Stephen Schill was the first to come on board and support the project, donating drawings and designs to present to potential funders and address capital needs. The organization has now retained John Williams, of Process Creative Studios, for his experience with non-profit budgets and cultural institutions. (Dobama Theater, SPACES gal-

lery, Transformer Station and the Heinen’s rotunda downtown are a few of his signature projects.)

The organization has begun a capital campaign with a goal of raising \$4 million for the renovation and endowment. They have received funding and pledges from individuals and capital improvement funds from the state. Naming rights and other funding opportunities are outlined on the BAYarts website, as well as the history of the campus and updates on the project. BAYarts recently launched BAYarts Cultural Access Fund through the Cleveland Foundation, a way for donors to invest in this project and the future of the organization.

As far as how the playhouse will be used, Heaton explained, “Our summer classes sold out faster than ‘Hamilton’ tickets, literally, in three minutes. We hate to turn away students and this has long been an issue for BAYarts, so that is a priority; but this opens up the opportunity to offer more types of classes, both visual and performing arts. So when we talk about flexible space, a classroom can double as an event

space and a stage can become a classroom. ... These are the types of creative solutions we are exploring, to provide



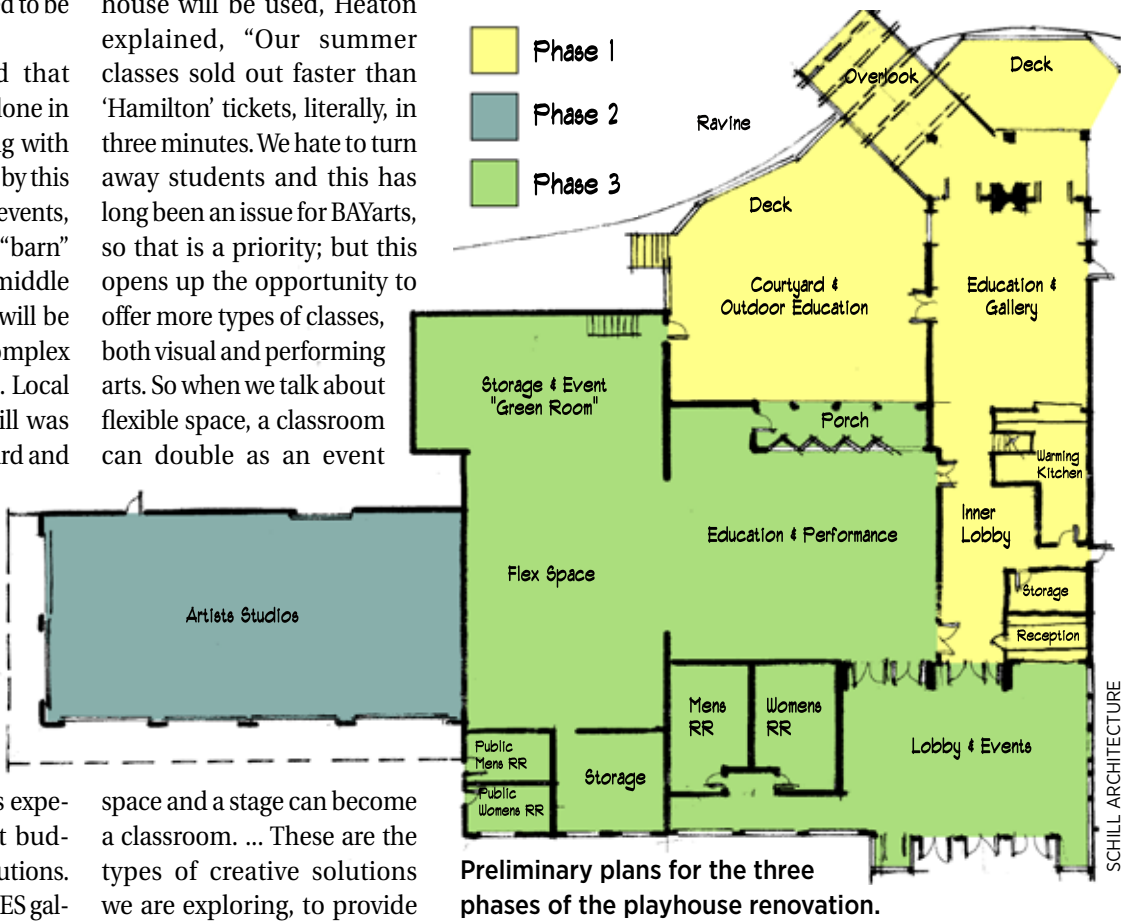
BAYarts Executive Director Nancy Heaton, board President Mary Conway Sullivan and board VP and manager of the project Peter Winzig discuss plans during the organization’s town hall meeting on renovation of the former Huntington Playhouse.

a variety of experiences year-round.”

BAYarts has engaged Maryann Nagel, a Bay Village resident and professional actress, to help develop theater education and programming, inviting fellow professionals to

participate.

“I promise this will be nothing like you’ve seen in northeast Ohio,” said Heaton. “We’re raising the bar (again) and with the community behind us, it will become a reality.” ●



Preliminary plans for the three phases of the playhouse renovation.

SAFETY *from front page*

From Columbine, Colorado, to Parkland, Florida, we have experienced frightening scenes of school shootings for the last decade. What are the educators, safety officers, and mental health experts in our communities of Avon Lake and Westlake doing to protect our children from a school intruder’s harm?

Different strategies have been chosen to protect Avon Lake and Westlake school children. Avon Lake uses a strategy of getting away or attacking to disable an intruder. Westlake uses the lock down, barricade protection strategy.

In both Avon lake and Westlake an armed resource officer is in the school and available to build relationships with students to encourage open communication

that may reduce the chance of an incident of harm to the student body. In all student bodies, the students know which students are troubled and so it is important for them to know who they can trust to tell their concern.

Response time is greatly reduced with an armed officer in the school.

The new Westlake Elementary School under construction on Center Ridge Road is in a two-block proximity to the Westlake Police Dept., which will reduce response time in the event of ASRT, Active Shooter Response Time.

Dr. Kern pointed out that myths of mental illness and violence are misleading. She stated the stigma associated with mental health requires educators and police to know what characteristics of mental illness to look for in students and know how to respond and

get help. The mental Health Boards of Lorain County and Cuyahoga County have programs to educate the public, students and parents on these mental illness issues. They are engaged partners in quarterly planning meetings for student safety with school and law enforcement officials in Westlake and Avon Lake.

Westlake Police patrolman Kendra Yurgionas addressed the social media used by students that few people in the audience use. It is the mode of communication for students that she uses to connect with them. Partnering with Tri-C for programs for education of parents on how the internet technology works and how to keep it safe for their children.

Questions from the audience expressed concern for how schools are instructing students on morality of self-

constraint based on a foundation of ethics and respect for the individual? What has replaced prayer in schools? Parkland had a resource officer in the school that did not execute his duty. How did that help?

These are fundamental issues of our culture that are a catalyst for school violence. Schools begin in kindergarten to create a welcoming and inclusive environment that connects with the community and continues through all school grades. Encourage parents to continue conversations with their children. Parents are the eyes and ears of their family and need to know who to call when something seems off.

Clearly we have school, police and mental health experts that have considered this threat and we found out how they are working together to protect children in our schools. ●

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The Bay Village Foundation to honor residents with bronze plaques

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



PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

The Bay Village Foundation ceremonies will take place at Cahoon Memorial Park North following Memorial Day speeches at the gazebo.

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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HOME FRONT

from front page

My grandmother had a blue star ribbon in the window for my cousin, Dick Walker. Cousin Eddie Bartell, a staff sergeant, sent us letters from the front.

Every family had a victory garden in their yard. We grew everything from asparagus to strawberries. Lots of canning going on.

I lived at 31011 Lake Road. When my sister Gay and I saw an Army caravan coming, we would run down the driveway to the street to wave at the boys headed east to go overseas. Some caravans were 30 minutes long. It didn't really dawn on us where they were going but I'm sure it did to my folks. I can see this as vividly as if it were yesterday.

City Hall had a Honor Roll board set up in the lobby. The names of our men and women serving were listed on the wall. A

few had a gold star next to their name indicating they had passed away.

Bill Wieland and Pete Purvis would lay on their bellies at the edge of the cliff overlooking Lake Erie and Canada holding their toy rifles. They were ready to shoot down whatever crossed the lake from Canada and tried to invade us. The boys played at war every day.

My Grandpa Wurtz still had family in Ingenheim, Germany. He packed care packages and sent them to Germany.

The music of the day often had a war theme. "I'll Be Home For Christmas," "I'll Be Seeing You," "Bugle Boy of Company B." Mom played the sheet music on the baby grand. We sang.

We were at my grandmother's on V-J Day. Ron, Gay and I took Dick's souvenir knives and swords up on Lorain Road at Kamm's Corner to celebrate with everyone on the sidewalk dancing and singing. We were walking down the



Families on the home front were issued ration stamps for food and gas, which were being conserved for the war effort.

street with our weapons, when my Auntie Rene came running after us and shuffled us home real fast.

At Parkview School above the auditorium door were pictures of Bay boys who died in WWII – Bill Troyan, Ralph Talis, Bob Berger – so we never forget our freedom had a cost.

Yes, it was a time I won't forget. Attend your Memorial Day services. Thank the soldiers for the sacrifice they made so you can live free in this wonderful town, in this wonderful country, the U.S.A. ●



A train car loaded with bed frames and other metal items, donated by those on the home front to help the war effort in WWII.

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Unity offers workshops to empower your life

by SHARON FEDOR

Take a moment to breathe in deep, and just ... imagine. Take a journey away from your everyday "to do" list, and travel inside that marvelous gift of your own unique imagination. Did you imagine your life quantitatively in terms of less and more? Did you see yourself inside your imagination bubble with less stress? More money? Happy and healthier relationships?

If you turned these imaginings into goals, what might be holding you back from experiencing them as part of your reality? Is it a fear that these things could never come true for you? Are you living much of your life in a fearful state of mind? Some of our everyday self beliefs keep us in a limited shell of existence. Tapping into our imagination is much more than idle

folly, it could be the way to your newfound freedom. As motivational speaker Les Brown said, "Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears." Do your dreams feel like they've drifted far, far away?

Look around you, most everyone today has either a briefcase, a backpack, a belt, a kit, or a large purse that acts like a tool box ... inside are tools of the trade. They're out there, tools boxes that have been depleted, or outdated tools that simply don't work anymore. Tools are extremely valuable in this hectic, stress-filled, varied life.

Have you ever met anyone who has been dubbed a "Premier Results Expert"? Pretty high accolades if you ask me. From that description, I'd expect a lot from this expert's workshops. Unity Spiritual Center Westlake will welcome just such a person, Rev. Felicia Searcy. This lady is not only a results expert, she is a transformational coach, professional speaker, author and minister who has helped thousands over the last 20 years.

Her two workshops, being held at Unity, bring nourishment for the heart and the soul. She gives us fuel, and tools for change, when our engine, or tool box, may be running low or on empty. She guides

us to pay attention to, but not feel guilty about the discontent of our hearts, for those longings are holy conversations.

Join Rev. Felicia Searcy, when Centered Wellness presents, "5 Steps to Creating a Wildly Successful, Heart Centered Business!" on Saturday, May 26, 12:30-4:00 p.m. A suggested donation is \$20 with proceeds going to Unstoppable Foundation. Come learn how to create the impact you know you are meant to make.

A second workshop, "3 Keys to Living the Life You Love, While Loving the Life You Live!" will be held Sunday, May 27, 1:00-4:00 p.m. A love offering of \$25 is suggested.

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THE DIGITAL WORLD

Data analysis from recent digital literacy expo

by TAK SATO

There are many reasons I love Cleveland, one of them being that the four seasons are similar to where I grew up. Yet even after living in CLE longer than I grew up in Japan, I still can't tell how I should dress during our short spring season. I left home in a T-shirt the other day because it was 76 the day before. I should've consulted my digital mercury, aka my smartphone, as it was 46 degrees that day.

At least seniors enjoyed warm weather to attend our second annual Living in the Digital World Senior Expo on May 10.

As we continue to tabulate data from the event, the early analysis is giving us reassurances that the calling we answered in 2015, i.e. to help seniors attain digital literacy, was the right commitment. Seniors walked, drove, rode the Lakewood Division on Aging shuttle bus, and some even took the RTA to the expo. Whatever mode of transportation, they were engaged in the presentations and talking to the exhibitors.

There were door prize drawings and abundance of food donated by area small businesses who understood and supported our mission. Some may say that those alone are reasons enough to attend any event. Maybe, but just by the sheer number of seniors sitting in our presentations and the feedback I received in-person afterwards, the main draw was none other than their thirst for knowledge.

Here are some more data points from the expo. The attendance doubled from the inaugural year to some 200 attendees and that's a conservative estimate. At least 19 hailed from Westlake and 10 from Bay. In total they came from 16 cities, as far away as Twinsburg, and some said they even took a day off from their job.

Exit polls from the presentations also reflected how hungry they are for information that is presented in a palatable manner. Palatability translates to simple explanation delivered with patience and empathy. Luckily those are some of the pillars of the Satosan Method used in our free "Discover Digital Literacy!" program for the seniors. Compressing a 90-minute program into a 20-minute presentation is challenging but I know I have room for improvement.

As the ink dried on the signature line to reserve the halls for next year's expo on May 16, 2019, our minds were off to the races on innovative ways to increase digital literacy awareness. It has become a life skill that we recommend to every senior as it helps increase their connectedness factor to family, friends and community.

Thank you to all the sponsors, partners, exhibitors, volunteers, and especially our beloved seniors in attendance.

Building digital literacy awareness is a movement and every senior counts! ●

Mayor Dennis Clough proclaims May 19-25 as 'National Safe Boating Week'

by LOUISE MANKE

Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough recently presented several members of the North Coast Ohio Sail and Power Squadron with a special proclamation at Westlake City Hall. In addition, the mayor declared the week of May 19 to May 25 as National Safe Boating Week to raise awareness about boating safety.

On average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States. Approximately 70 percent are fatalities caused by drowning, and the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors.

A significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be

alive today had they worn a life jacket.

"Knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment," the proclamation

the local North Coast Ohio Sail and Power Squadron and the local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary."

The purpose of North Coast Ohio Sail and Power Squadron is to serve the public and its membership by promoting boating safety through education. As part of that mission, the North Coast Squadron offers several carefully planned courses in subjects such as seamanship, piloting, plotting and

vessel safety examiners, who wore life jackets as a reminder of the No. 1 safety measure to take in all types of boating whether it be paddle/canoe, fish boat, sail boat or cruiser. Vessel safety checks by certified examiners remind boaters of all federal safety requirements, for example: "All boat operators born after 1982 must be licensed by passing an approved boat class."

A five-week class sponsored by North Coast Ohio Sail and Power Squadron will start Tuesday, May 29, 6:30-9 p.m., at the Rocky River Recreation Center. For more information contact Jim Christman: 440-537-4800, jimjwc@hotmail.com. A new program, "Jump Start," will aid new boaters in learning basic and simple but necessary skills aboard the owner's boat. For more information contact Jim Mason: 216-905-7234, jmason1626@cox.net.

To have an examiner come to the location of your boat, contact Cdr. Elliott Manke, at 216-221-2899 or louiseelliott.manke@gmail.com; or Jim Mason at 216-905-7234 or jmason1626@cox.net. ●



Mayor Dennis Clough, center, presents a proclamation to members of the North Coast Ohio Sail and Power Squadron, from left: Jack Salisbury, Elliott Manke, Louise Manke, Mary Glassco and Rev. Jon Paulus.

read. "Boating safety education courses are available through America's Boating Club – the U.S. Power Squadrons, such as

position finding, and celestial navigation among others.

The proclamation presentation was attended by trained

Clague Playhouse barn sale June 9

by PAM KILPATRICK

Spring Cleaning time is here! Please remember to save all of your no longer wanted, gently used household items for Clague Playhouse's Annual Barn Sale. Our version of a rummage sale will be held Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We will accept donations of tables, lamps, decor items, small appliances, lawn and garden equipment, furniture, pictures, kitchen and bath items, toys and games, books, crafts and sports equipment. Please, no clothes. You may drop off items at the theater Wednesday, May 30, through Saturday, June 2, from 1-6 p.m.; and Wednesday, June 6, through Friday, June 8, from 1-8 p.m. Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Clague Road in Westlake.

We also need many volunteers to help with setup, pricing, sorting, baking, cashiers and cleanup, plus shoppers the day of the sale! Leave a message at the box office, 440-331-0403, if you would like to help or just come to the theater during the times listed.

Proceeds will be used toward operating costs of the 2018-2019 season. Clague Playhouse is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. ●

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Westlake Porter Public Library's Levy Renewal

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Village Project is gearing up for Project Pedal 2018

by DIANE FRYE

Are you looking for a great reason to gather your friends, family or co-workers of all ages and abilities together for a pleasant morning bike ride? Wouldn't you love to enjoy each other's company while stretching your muscles, feeling the fresh air in your lungs and taking in the sights and sounds of an early summer Saturday?

You can have this kind of fun and, at the same time, help to support Village Project in its mission to come together as a community to provide nourishing meals and extended care and service to our neighbors experiencing cancer.

The fifth annual Project Pedal charitable bike ride will be held on Saturday, June 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event begins and ends at a new location this year: Cahoon Memorial Park.

Village Project will be holding their charitable bike ride in conjunction with Destination Bay. Participants will have the opportunity to begin their day with Project Pedal and then continue on to enjoy the many activities that will be taking place throughout the city on June 16.

There are five routes to choose from: **Pea Pod Pedal** (100 yards) is for 2- and 3-year-olds on trikes and big wheels. Registration fee: \$10.

Sprout Route (400 yards) is for children 6 years and under on two-wheelers, with or without training wheels. Registration fee: \$15.

Cucumber Course (6 miles) is for all ages. The route travels primarily on side streets with a rest stop at Village Project headquarters. Parental supervision is suggested for young riders. Registration fee: \$25.

Kale Trail (15 miles) is for intermediate riders of all ages. The route travels through Bay Village. Rest stops will be at Village Project, Reese Park and Bradley Park. Sidewalks are available throughout the ride. Parental supervision is suggested for young riders. Registration fee: \$30.

Artichoke Adventure (30 miles) is for more experienced riders of all ages. The route travels through Bay Village, Avon Lake, Westlake and Sheffield Lake. Rest stops again will be at Village Project, Reese Park and Bradley Park in Bay Village. Much of the ride will take place on well-traveled roads such as Lake, Bradley and

Walker. Registration fee: \$40.

Route maps for each ride will be available on the Village Project website (ourvillageproject.com).

Registering for Project Pedal can be done directly on the website. Registration forms also may be picked up at Village Project headquarters, 27378 W. Oviatt Road in Bay Village. Riders registered by June 6 will receive a Village Project drawstring bag, course maps, SAG support, refreshments, rest stops and a free T-shirt. Those registering after June 6 will pay an extra \$5 per registration and will not receive a T-shirt.

Join in some healthy competition and help support Village Project by raising funds in addition to the registration fee. Compete individually or as a team to raise the most for this deserving service organization and win a prize. The top individual fundraiser receives one month of VP meals for up to four people while the top fundraising team wins a cooking class and fun evening for up to 12 people at Village Project. The team with the most creative name earns the right to name a Village Project recipe. In addition, individual fundraisers will receive a \$25 Century Cycles gift card for every \$250 they raise.

In 2017, over 300 bike riders and 100 volunteers participated in Project Pedal, raising \$35,000. This year's goal is 500 riders and \$40,000. These funds will assist Village Project in fulfilling its mission and enable their volunteers to continue cooking three days per week for the communities it serves: Bay Village, Westlake, Avon, Avon Lake and Rocky River.

Another way to lend your support to Project Pedal is through sponsorships, which are available with a variety of benefits and provide an opportunity to create positive corporate awareness and brand visibility while demonstrating your community support.

SAFETY FIRST: Our three longest routes take place on city streets without traffic control. Understanding bicycle rules and regulations is key to keeping riders safe. To this end, the Village Bicycle Cooperative is offering free safety classes and bike checks. Open to all those registered for Project Pedal, you may attend one on Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m.-noon, or Wednesday, June 13, 6-7 p.m.

More information can be found on ourvillageproject.com or by calling 440-348-9401. ●

DIGGING DOVER

'Old Hurst Home' at 2004 Dover Center Road dates to 1854

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

Hurst has been a fairly common name in Dover which makes it difficult to research. It has been hard to determine if they represent one or multiple families who settled in the geographic area that now encompasses Bay Village, Westlake and Avon.

Multiple sources state that three or four brothers named Hurst emigrated directly from England to Dover Township and Avon in the early 19th century to take up sheep farming. Both Josiah and Thomas Hurst's homes are featured in an 1874 atlas of Cuyahoga County. Thomas Hurst's circa 1838 brick home, which still exists on the north side of Detroit Road, west of Bradley, is marked with an Ohio Historical Marker. Josiah N. Hurst's home was located west of Thomas's home and while the house is gone, one of his barns pictured in the 1874 drawing still exists, painted white, at 31450 Detroit Road.

Their brother William Hurst's home is still located



PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

This circa 1854 home on Dover Center Road once belonged to James D. Hurst and his wife, Lydia.

further west on the south side of Detroit Road in Avon. William Hurst's circa 1843 home has been described as one of the finest stone houses in the Western Reserve and was known as Stone Eagle Farm due to the stone eagle sculpture that perched on its parapet.

Whether the home featured in this story is connected to the same Hurst family is still unclear. What we do know, based on U.S. Census records, is that in 1880 there was an 11-year-old boy named James D. Hurst, who had been born in Ohio, living alone with his 60-year-old father named Fred in Avon. Both Fred and the boy's mother were born in England. Fred could be the fourth brother of Thomas, William and Josiah.

If the home on Dover Center Road was constructed in 1854 then it was obviously not constructed by THIS James D. Hurst since he was not born until 1868 and until the Cuyahoga County Archives re-open this fall we cannot determine for sure who constructed the home. But deeds and death records prove conclusively that a James D. Hurst who was born in 1868 and died in 1959 once owned this home.

Based on pictures that are

part of the Westlake Historical Society's collection, what we do know about James D. Hurst is that he and his wife Lydia A. Beardsley Hurst owned a general store at the northwest corner of Dover Center and Center Ridge roads as early as 1895, when he was 26. It burned down in 1909.

U.S. Census records have James and Lydia living in Dover in 1900. His occupation is listed as a merchant and his parents are both listed as having been born in England. In 1900 they have a 5-year-old son, Leland, and a 4-year-old son, Russell. Her mother, Teresa Beardsley, shares their home. By 1910 they are living on Dover Center Road and his occupation is listed as

fruit farmer (the store had burned down the previous year) and they now have a third child, a daughter named Lucile.

They continued to live on Dover Center Road during the 1920 and 1930 census. A good friend of mine who grew up in Westlake during the 1950s remembers the elderly Mr. Hurst selling tomatoes in the front yard of 2004 Dover Center Road. After James and Lydia's deaths in 1959 the home was sold. It was purchased in 1963 by William M. Buttriss.

A brochure prepared by the Westlake Historical Society for the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976 featured the "old Hurst Home." It states that the private home had been modernized inside, but has kept its antique charm.

The current owners have continued to both modernize and keep the charm of this exceptional property.

The 2,968 square foot, five bedroom, three bath home is currently offered for sale for \$479,000. ●



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Mr. and Mrs. James D. Hurst in front of their general store on the northwest corner of Center Ridge and Dover Center, in 1895. Also pictured are sons Russell and Lloyd (or Leland).

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SPORTING NEWS

Occupants of Tribe teepee can make one weepy

by JEFF BING

They start out by telling me, reassuringly, that it's a long season. Then they tell me there's still plenty of time.

Well, you can tell "them" for me that based on the quality of Indians baseball I've seen so far, it's *already been* a l-o-n-g season. And as far as that "still plenty of time" remark goes, I'd like to know: Still plenty of time for what? A lobotomy? In which case sharpen the scalpel and cue the anesthesiologist, because *anything's* better than this. I'm ready, doc.

Okay, we knew going in that the bullpen might have issues. But c'mon now ... nobody ever thought it could be *this* bad. The Indians bullpen has more issues than Charlie Sheen, and the smart money says Charlie might get his problems straightened out sooner than the Tribe does. And while we're at it, where's Bob Wickman when you really need him? Bobby, we hardly knew ye.

Oh, and FYI ... while the Indians might tell you that Dan

Otero is on the disabled list with arm issues, don't you believe it. The fact of the matter is that Danny boy suffered severe whiplash following the flight all of the laser shots off the bats of opposing hitters when he was on the mound. He probably ought to seriously consider a personal injury lawyer. Come to think of it, so should anyone sitting in the outfield stands when he, Cody Allen, or almost anyone else out of the bullpen is on the hill. Innocent civilians could get hurt out there.

The heck with the netting behind home plate; they ought to net the whole playing area – and maybe a couple of blocks beyond the Progressive Field bleachers. While we're at it: Put up some flashing light towers so small aircraft won't be in danger of getting nailed by a tattooed baseball.

Can someone explain to me how one of the best defensive teams in baseball last year can suddenly look like a reincarnation of the Bad News Bears? I understand that it's purely an instinctive, self-preservation evasive tactic to try

and avoid many of the rockets that are launched off the opposition's bats, courtesy of Tribe pitching, but this is ridiculous. Did you ever play bumper pool and watch the ball bounce around like it had a mind of its own? That's what I think of when I watch the Tribe attempt to turn a double play. It's like the infielders' gloves are made of concrete. Come to think of it, are they even *wearing* gloves? Tough to say with any certainty.

And take the hitting ... *please!* Then again, do we even refer to it as "hitting" when they clearly aren't? And yes, they have had a few games where they looked to be awakening from their season-long hitting slump, but then they lapse right back into it. And it doesn't really qualify as a slump anymore; it's more like a coma. Pull the plug, Tito.

Yeah, maybe I'm overreacting. Maybe the Tribe will get the bugs out and start playing decent ball again. Maybe there is still plenty of time.

Or maybe, as Yogi Berra once said, "It's getting late early." ●

St. Paul Lutheran School names new principal

by RICK HAASE

Jeremy Loudon has accepted the call to become the next principal of St. Paul Lutheran School in Westlake.

Loudon is expected to begin his duties this summer.

"After just a few years in the classroom, Mr. Loudon's superiors told him he was going to be an administrator some day. He continued teaching and added two Master's Degrees in Administration and is now primed to put all this preparation into his leadership of St. Paul Lutheran School," said interim Principal Rev. Dr. David Buegler. "There is a verse in the Bible that says, 'For Such A Time As This...' I am thrilled to quote that verse to speak about our excitement in bringing Jeremy Loudon from Texas to Ohio for such a time as this."

A 2002 graduate of Lutheran West High School, Loudon grew up attending West Park Lutheran School in Cleveland. He is a graduate of Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and most recently has been a teacher at Lutheran South Academy in Houston, Texas since 2007. Loudon is an award-



Jeremy Loudon is the new principal of St. Paul Lutheran School in Westlake.

winning basketball coach and band director, and holds two master's degrees: one in educational administration and one in coaching and athletics. He has also completed the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) School Leadership Development (SLED) certification.

Loudon is married to Elizabeth Loudon, a teacher who also hails from Ohio. They are the parents of Natalie, 6, and Maverick, 3, and also expect their third child in October.

Loudon was chosen by the St. Paul Lutheran Call Committee and School Board members for the position after an extensive search process. ●

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Bay Village Memorial Day ceremony at Lakeside Cemetery

Bay Village Memorial Day observance schedule

by GEOFFREY KEDZIERSKI

It is that time of the year when we start to think about summer and look forward to the Memorial Day weekend. While many think of this as a “holiday” it is really a “remembrance” day. It is meant to remember all the men and

women who have served our country and have passed away. This year the Bay Village Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 28. The parade’s timetable is as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. – Parade participants assemble in Huntington Beach parking lot on Lake Road

- 8:45 a.m. – Parade marches west on Lake Road to Lakeside Cemetery
- 9:00 a.m. – Ceremonies at Lakeside Cemetery
- 9:15 a.m. – Parade marches east on Lake Road to the Cahoon Park gazebo
- 9:45 a.m. – Ceremonies at Cahoon Park

This year’s speaker is Fred Green. Fred is a Vietnam veteran and commander of Bay Village VFW Post 9693. The parade committee invites all veterans and Blue and Gold Star mothers to participate and march in the parade. Remember to place your hand over your heart when the American flag passes by, to

honor our veterans and the flag. American Legion Post 385 is the main organizer of the parade with assistance from Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 249 and VFW Post 9693. Any questions regarding the parade can be addressed to Joe Cronin of the American Legion at 216-521-7849. ●

Kiwanis members clean Huntington Beach

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Division 14 Kiwanis Clubs gathered at Huntington Beach in Bay Village on May 5 to take part in “Adopt a Beach,” a program sponsored by the Alliance for the Great Lakes. Clubs taking part were the Bay Village Kiwanis, the Bay Village Key Club, Westlake Kiwanis, Westlake Aktion Club and Rocky River Kiwanis. The participants who gathered for the event were directed by Camille Licata from Kids for Positive Change.

It was a beautiful Saturday for picking up trash on the beach. There were many pounds of trash picked up, mainly plastic which isn’t biodegradable. Plenty of plastic straws, cigar tips, plastic bottles, bottle caps, etc. were plucked from the

shoreline. There were over 50 Kiwanis affiliated participants who showed up thanks to the work of Division 14 Lt. Governor Gregj Haxhiu.

Lt. Governor Haxhiu also spoke about “The Last Plastic Straw” campaign to eliminate the use of plastic straws which cause harm to animals and the environment. You can make a difference by skipping the straw or using a reusable straw.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of members dedicated to serving the children of the world. Kiwanis and its family of clubs –



Kiwanis family participants pose for a picture before the Huntington Beach clean-up.

nearly 500,000 members strong – annually raise more than \$100 million and dedicate more than 18 million volunteer hours to strengthen communities and

serve children. Kiwanis invites you to join us and get involved in changing the “world, one child and one community at a time.” For

more information on the Westlake club, visit facebook.com/KiwanisClubofWO45; for the Bay Village club, visit bayvillagekiwanis.com. ●

Join Bay Village Schools in honoring retiring superintendent Clint Keener

by KAREN DERBY

Bay Village community members, along with staff and students of the Bay Village Schools, are invited to attend a community reception honoring retiring Superintendent Clint Keener on Thursday, May 17, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Road. Keener retires from 14 years of service to the Bay Village City School District and from 41 years of ser-



Retiring Bay Village Schools Superintendent Clint Keener

vice to public education. A lineup of notable Bay Village school and community leaders are scheduled to make brief remarks periodically throughout the reception, including school board members, school staff representatives, Bay Village Mayor Paul Koomar and others who have worked closely with Keener. The 14-year “look back” will include a round-up of stories on

the district’s consistently high academic achievement, improvements to student programs and curriculum, physical upgrades of school buildings throughout the district, consistent community engagement and support, and awards and recognitions earned. Music will be provided by student musicians, and a photo slideshow will cover many important memories from Keener’s tenure. Visitors can leave their own memories and sentiments in a special memory book. A buffet of refreshments will also be provided. All are welcome to join this celebration of achievement and a great educator’s career! ●

Bay Village Community Theater presents ‘The Bear’

by MARGARET HNAT

Russia’s well-known playwright Anton Chekhov may be most famous for his serious plays like “The Seagull,” but did you know that he also wrote hilarious one-act farces about life and love in Russia in the 1800s? Bay Village Community Theater will perform Chekhov’s “The Bear: A Joke in One Act” as part of its “All the World’s a Stage[d Reading]” series. There will be two perfor-

mances: Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m. at O’Neill Healthcare Bay Village, 605 Bradley Road; and Sunday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at Mojo’s Coffee and More, 600 Dover Center Road. The play features Tim Peebles, Michael Strama and Jessica Williams and is directed by Tim Jones. Both performances are open to the public. Admission is free; donations for Bay Village Community Theater will be accepted at both performances. ●



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

WESTLAKE KIWANIS

Kiwanis provides shirts for Westlake HS marching band

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis purchased polo shirts for the Westlake Marching Band. The polo shirts are for the band to wear during hot

weather events. Kiwanis had become concerned when they observed in their last few Memorial Day parades the band appearing to be uncomfortable in their heavy band uniforms. It was decided to

raise funds to purchase the band polo shirts to wear on hot weather occasions. Westlake Kiwanis President Suzanne Rusnak and past President Rick Grane presented the shirts to the band on April 27. ●



PHOTO BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI

Westlake Kiwanian Rick Grane, WHS marching band director Hillary Patriok and Kiwanis President Suzanne Rusnak are pictured with band officers Julia Alward, Rachel Zinram, Rachel Kaiser, Allie Routhier, Matt Wallenhorst, Matt Epple, Gabe Leonard and Connor Mahon.

Bay Village waterways clean-up set for May 19

by MAGGIE WILLIAMS

The Bay Village Waterways Clean-up Day, sponsored by The Bay Village Foundation, Bay High Project Earth Club, the Bay Village Green Team and the Scouts, will be held on Saturday, May 19. All are welcome! Volunteers should meet at the Bay Middle School cafeteria to sign in before 11:00 a.m. Participants of all ages will go out in groups to clean up Bay's waterways and the surrounding areas. Children should be accompanied by a parent/guardian or they should bring a signed permission slip.

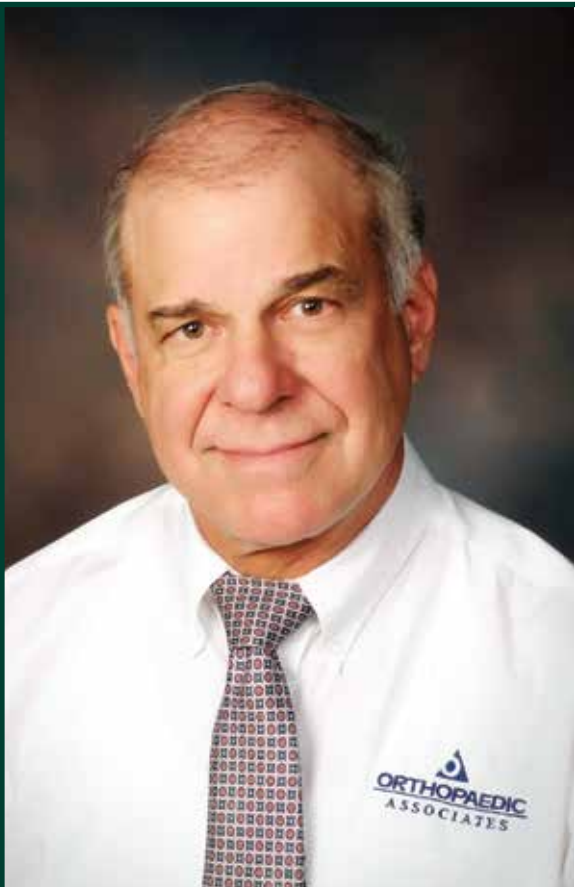
The city will provide trash bags and gloves for use in picking up the debris along Cahoon Creek, Columbia Park, Bay Boat Club, and other portions of the Lake Erie waterfront. The groups work for more than two hours and finish up back at the middle school, where The Bay Village Foundation will provide lunch for the volunteers.

Chairman Mike Romanchek and student trustees, Maggie Williams, Maddie Edgerly, Everest McKenna and Chris Eifert will coordinate and deliver the lunch for the hungry volunteers. Afterward, city employees will pick up the bagged debris at the middle school.

The Bay Village Foundation began the Clean-up Day program in 2006 with the help of the city's Service Department and with the support of then-Mayor Deborah Sutherland. Foundation trustees, families, Bay students, and Boy Scout troops joined in the initial effort. Shortly thereafter, Mayor Sutherland founded the Bay Village Green Team and members of that group have participated every year since.

Since the Foundation began this activity in 2006, Bay Waterway Clean-up Day has blossomed into a well-organized, twice-yearly project headed by the Project Earth Club of Bay High School, now under the direction of Joe Cheney, Bay High science teacher and leader of the club.

Along the waterfronts, conditions can be very muddy and wet, even on nice days, so participants are asked to wear clothes that they don't mind getting dirty or wet. Rain or shine, the Waterways Clean-up Day will commence as planned. Most volunteers wear rain/work boots and find the gloves provided by the city to be very useful. Students, Scouts, parents and other individuals who are looking to better their community and the environment are welcome to participate. ●



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‘President Lincoln’ speaks on leadership

by MEL MAURER

I’ll be speaking as Lincoln at Westlake Porter Public Library on Tuesday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. Here is just a little about my talk.

If you were looking for someone to lead you in a war and received the following two resumes, which person would you feel is best for the job?

Jefferson Davis, born into a well-to-do, distinguished military family with ancestors that fought in the Revolutionary War, a graduate of West Point, a lieutenant in the Indian Wars, later a colonel in the war with Mexico, a congressman, a senator and a secretary of war before being elected as the president of the Con-

federacy in 1861.

Abraham Lincoln, born in a backwoods log cabin to parents eking out a living from the land, only intermittent elementary education schooling, failed shopkeeper, appointed “captain” by his squad in the Black Hawk War with no training and no action seen, a congressman and a lawyer before being elected president of the United States in 1860, taking office in 1861.

It’s hard to believe that anyone, given the extensive background in education, military service, politics and executive government service, would not have picked Davis for the job over the genial lawyer with almost none of his experience.

And yet, it was Lincoln who won the war, saving the nation while ending slavery. Lincoln had, or managed to develop, the leadership for the job; Davis did not.

In my talk, Lincoln will discuss what he believes to be the traits of leadership – good and bad using examples of both, with all due modesty, reviewing his leadership. He’ll be using his great sense of humor to make his points or just to get a few laughs.

Questions will be welcome, keeping in mind that he knows nothing about anything that happened after April 14, 1865. He doesn’t even know he was shot that night.

I hope you can join the president and me for an informative and fun evening. ●



PHOTO BY ELAINE MAURER

Westlake resident Mel Maurer will bring his portrayal of Abraham Lincoln to Porter Library on Tuesday, May 22.

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Celebrate summer reading on Thursday, May 31, at our kick-off party! Stop by between 4-7 p.m. to register for the Summer Reading program and grab a sign-up prize. Plus we’ll have food, rock painting, giveaways (while supplies last), activities and live music from the Paulo Costa Trio! Summer Reading runs June 1 to Aug. 1 and we look forward to seeing you at all our programs over the summer!

Wednesdays, May 16, 23 and 30 (3:45-5 p.m.) TWEEN SCENE – Weekly hangout for 5th and 6th graders ONLY!

Wednesdays, May 16, 23 and 30 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, May 17, 24 and 31 (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 16 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Dr. Judith Cetina will discuss “Cuyahoga County Archives Holdings at the New Location.”

Thursdays, May 17, 24 and 31 (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 17 (Preschool Session: 6:30-7:30 p.m.) and Friday, May 18 (Preschool session: 9:30 a.m. and Toddler Session: 11:30 a.m.) TEACH ME TO PLAY – For families and their children (Toddler: ages 18 months-2 years and Preschool: ages 3-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. Diverse opportunities for learning are provided, with an emphasis on facilitating communication, practicing social interactions and responding to behaviors in a positive way. The program is led by an early intervention specialist and speech-language pathologist. Register at connectingforkids.org/register or by phone: 440-250-5563.

Friday, May 18 (10-10:45 a.m.) COME

PLAY WITH ME! – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys. For children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome.

Saturday, May 19 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) ARMED FORCES DAY – Show your support for the Armed Forces with patriotic crafts and activities in the Youth Services Department.

Saturday, May 19 (10-11:30 a.m.) BEGINNING CODING FOR ADULTS – Learn the basics of coding through self-paced online modules. An instructor will be on hand to help get you started and to facilitate lessons. Please register.

Saturday, May 19 (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.

Saturday, May 19 (3:30-4 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME – An interactive family storytime featuring books, rhymes, songs, movement and a small craft. For families with children ages 2-6.

Sunday, May 20 (2-4 p.m.) COMPEER DAY – Creating art can have an extremely positive impact on those recovering from mental illness. Far West Center artists and staff will be on hand creating and displaying their art and starting dialogs about important mental health issues. Music and refreshments included.

Monday, May 21 (1-1:30 p.m.) YOGA TIME! – This is a perfect way to introduce yoga and practice simple poses that imitate animals and nature. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Ages 3 and up with a caregiver.

Monday, May 21 (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 21 (6:30-7 p.m.) DIGITAL

STORYTIME – Songs, rhymes and stories with multimedia elements such as video clips, music and animation. For children up to age 6 and a caregiver.

Monday, May 21 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTORS’ INTEREST GROUP: ESTATE PLANNING – This seminar will discuss why most estate plans fail to protect your family and assets from unnecessary expenses and risks. You’ll learn the differences between wills and trusts and how to avoid probate and protect your family even after your death, and preserve the tax deferral benefits of retirement plans for your heirs. Please register.

Tuesday, May 22 (9:30-10 a.m.) STORIES AND SIGNS – Enjoy an interactive storytime while learning a few words in sign language! Ages 0-3, siblings welcome.

Tuesday, May 22 (1-3 p.m.) RESUMES AND LINKEDIN BUZZ – Buzz words, good and bad verbs, formats, fonts, templates. All these things change on a regular basis. What is current? How does your resume stack up? Bring it, evaluate it, get feedback and be on top of the pile next time you send your resume.

Wednesday, May 23 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – The May selection is “The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper” by Phaedra Patrick.

Wednesday, May 23 (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.

Thursday, May 24 (noon-1:30 p.m.) SMALL BUSINESS LUNCH & LEARN: DEVELOPING A BUSINESS PLAN, PART 2 – We’ll review the elements of a business plan, discuss writing the business plan, and assess the feasibility of your business. Development of the business concept, marketing, finance and time and resource management will also be discussed. Please register.

Thursday, May 24 (7-7:30 p.m.) PARACHUTE PLAY! – Get ready to jump and move with music, stories and the

parachute. Bring your energy and your mom, dad or other caregiver. Registration begins May 17.

Friday, May 25 (10 a.m.-noon) FIBER FANATICS – A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems and show off.

Saturday, May 26 (2-4 p.m.) CARRY OUT CRAFTS – Stop by the Youth Services Department to see what our featured craft is this afternoon. We have all the supplies you’ll need to create something fantastic!

Saturday, May 26 (3-5 p.m.) ANIME CLUB – A great club for anime and manga lovers! All otakus and newbies are welcome! Grades 7 to adult.

Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28 – MEMORIAL DAY: LIBRARY CLOSED

Tuesday, May 29 (2-3 p.m.) TRAVEL CLUB: INSIDE SCOOP ON CRUISE SHIP LIFE – Music and Arts Librarian Maria Fesz will tell us what it’s like to live and work on the high seas. Please register.

Wednesday, May 30 (2-3 p.m.) KANOPY MOVIE DISCUSSION CLUB – We’ll discuss the movie “Theeb,” available for viewing with a Kanopy account. Watch at home, then meet and discuss! See the library’s website for details on setting up an account and viewing the movie. (Click “Research Resources” then “K” to find the Kanopy link.) Please register.

Thursday, May 31 (10-10:30 a.m.) INTRODUCTION TO APPS: LITERACY – A quick, interactive training on apps that will help boost your toddler and preschooler’s early-literacy skills. Children are welcome to attend a playtime with while parents attend the training. Please register all children participating. Caregivers are welcome to attend without children. Ages 6 months to 10 years, but apps introduced best fit ages 2-6. Registration begins May 24.

Thursday, May 31 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Thursday, May 31 (1-2 p.m.) ART-WALK GALLERY RECEPTION – View the results of Porter Library’s ArtWalk and meet the artists! The ArtWalk is an opportunity for persons with disabilities to explore nature and share their unique perspective of the world. Participants captured pictures of scenery they found beautiful, inspiring or moving. This free reception is open to all.

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

Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

Remember when Cleveland radio crackled with a nonstop audio parade of larger-than-life characters? Mike and Janice Olszewski, authors of “Cleveland Radio Tales,” will be at the Bay Village branch library on Monday, June 4, at 7 p.m. to present stories from their book. Come relive the tales of some of the eccentric characters from Cleveland radio. These stories, mostly from the 1960s to 1990s, share on-air and off-air antics of radio hosts who performed in the nude, battled station owners (and sometimes brawled with each other), broke news stories, discovered new musical acts, and tried any stunt to draw listeners. Join us for a trip down memory lane!

CHILDREN

- **Mondays & 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, May 17 (4 p.m.) AMERICAN GIRL: TENNEY – Learn about the times and cultures represented by the dolls. Feel free to bring your doll to the program if you have one.

Saturday, June 9 (10 a.m.) SUMMER JAM – Get ready for a rock ‘n’ reading experience! Make your own instruments with everyday materials while singing, dancing and shaking to rhymes, songs and stories. Registration required.

TEEN

Monday, May 21 (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, June 9 (2 p.m.) YOU CAN UKE! – Grades 5-12. Come and have a uke-tastic time learning to make music on the ukulele – the world’s happiest instrument! If you don’t have a ukulele, we will provide one.

ADULT

Wednesday, May 23 (7 p.m.) 80S/90S MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT – Think you know movies from the ‘80s and ‘90s? Get amped and join library staff for a tubular trivia night. Teams will compete for prizes for top scores!

Thursday, May 24 (7 p.m.) RFK ASSASSINATION: 50 YEARS LATER – The events surrounding RFK’s assassination, like those of his brother and Martin Luther King Jr., are fraught with contradictions. Beverly Sadowski speaks on discovered information.

Thursday, May 31 (7 p.m.) AUTHORS MICHAEL HEATON AND JAMES RENNER – Join us as the Plain Dealer Minister of Culture, author, book and movie critic Michael Heaton interviews James Renner, investigative journalist

and author, best known for his book, “Amy: My Search for Her Killer; Secrets and Suspects in the Unsolved Murder of Amy Mihaljevic.” Renner has also written captivating fiction thrillers: “The Man From Primrose Lane” and “The Great Forgetting.” Books by both authors will be available for sale and signing after the presentation.

Friday, June 1 (10 a.m.) BAYarts Book Discussion – Join friends, neighbors and library staff for a monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus. This month’s title, “Miller’s Valley” by Anna Quindlen is available at the library and BAYarts.

Monday, June 4 (7 p.m.) CLEVELAND RADIO TALES – Hear about of the most eccentric personalities in Cleveland radio history.

Wednesday, June 6 (7 p.m.) MAKER NIGHT: FLOWER POT STENCIL PAINTING – Paint your own flower pot using stencils created in one of the library’s Innovation Centers.

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. ●

Cleveland Miniaturia displays are featured at Rose Hill Museum

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

Cleveland Miniaturia Society members are loaning miniature rooms and furniture as part of a special display at Rose Hill Museum in Bay Village.

The display will coincide with the 49th annual Cahoon in June event on Saturday, June 16, in Cahoon Memorial Park and with the 200th birthday celebration of Rose Hill Museum. The Cleveland Miniaturia Society will also be offering free appraisals of miniatures at Cahoon in June.

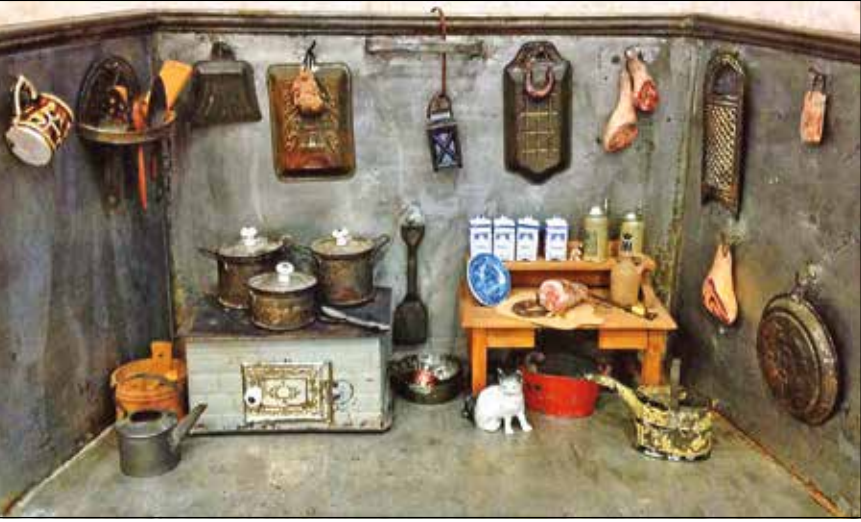
The club has had a dollhouse show for 47 years with exhibits, vendors, prizes and a raffle to benefit local charities. Its members have restored dollhouses for local institutions, taught classes at libraries, and exhibited at the Cuyahoga County Fair and at the Home and Garden Show.

Two longtime members of the club, Karen Hochradel and Lynne Rice, are loaning miniature rooms and furni-

ture for display at Rose Hill Museum. Hochradel purchased a German tin kitchen and furnished it with antique miniatures. Her other displays are a toy shop and a Victorian living room. She is fond of antique dolls and is often a vendor at area doll shows.

In 2017, each club member was given a room box to furnish. Hochradel made a laboratory, complete with skeleton. Rice filled her room box with furniture and accessories that she has made over the years. Everything in the room, except for chairs and pottery was handmade. Rice will also display a room with a nine-patch, hexagon quilt, and a bar quilt in one-inch-to-a-foot scale. Another member, Gloria Ebratt, will display a room box based on “Little Women” by Louisa May Alcott.

Rose Hill Museum in Bay Village is open free of charge every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Group tours can be arranged. The museum will also be open during Cahoon in June on June 16. ●



This antique German tin kitchen was furnished by Karen Hochradel with vintage miniatures.

THE MEDICAL INSIDER New uses for the old Pill

by DIANA PI, M.D.

The Pill, oral contraceptive pill, is the most important innovation of the 20th century. (I’m a woman, sue me.)

Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, pushed relentlessly and heroically for its discovery and legalization. In 1910, Sanger, a nurse in New York City, witnessed the burden of unwanted pregnancies on women and families and the horror of self-induced abortions. (Her own mother had 18 pregnancies in 22 years and died young.)

Birth control, Sanger thought, would allow a woman to be “the absolute mistress of her own body,” improving her well being and social equality.

Since the inception of the first pill, Enovid, in 1960, the Pill has come a long way.

Today, I take the Pill’s contraceptive benefit very much for granted. Most times, it’s not even my first choice for birth control. Yet I prescribe the Pill, a lot, for many good reasons other than or in addition to contraception.

First, heavy bleeding. Many women live with heavy periods, doubling tampons with pads. Iron deficiency is common. In mild cases, they feel slow and sluggish. In bad cases, they crave weird stuff. I’ve had women nibbling on toilet paper and chewing ice until their teeth chipped.

The menstrual cycle is governed by a complex hierarchy of chemicals, easily thrown off course. But the Pill overrides the system like a malware virus. In some preparations, a few drops of blood constitute a period.

Second, timing.

While a traditional package runs 28-day cycle, newer pills can stretch a cycle to three months, a year or none at all.

Let’s say you need to postpone your period by a few days or weeks for a business trip, a triathlon, a swim with sharks in the Bahamas. You can do so by taking the active pills and skipping the placebo. Really, it’s that easy.

Also, the Pill helps reduce acne, menstrual cramps, migraines, etc. But the Pill’s life isn’t all roses either. Irregular bleeding is the most common reason why women stop using it. Talk to and work with your doctor.

For birth control, I prefer intrauterine devices (IUDs) and implants. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has a nice video titled “Contraception” on its website, acog.org.

Modern IUDs come with or without hormones, and last anywhere from three to 10 years. They are safe and well tolerated. You can take them out anytime you want. But once they’re in, *they’re in* – you don’t need to think about it. Currently, they’re the recommended first-line contraceptive methods for most women, including teens.

The Pill was born at a time of powerful opposition – the church, the federal government and most states had anti-birth control laws. Sanger was driven by her passion in liberating women. Her lead researcher, the brilliant Dr. Gregory Pincus, was driven by, well, unemployment. At the time, he was “dropped” by Harvard and working out of a lab in a converted garage. A colleague said, “[Pincus] wasn’t afraid to go out on a limb because he didn’t have any limb.”

Who says desperation doesn’t work? ●



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MAGICAL HISTORY TOUR

Lake View Cemetery

by RACHEL POLANIEC

This month's Magical History Tour takes place at Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland's "Outdoor Museum," located about a half-hour drive east, bordering Cleveland's University Circle and Little Italy. Entrances are at Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, and at Mayfield and Kenilworth Roads in Cleveland Heights. Admittance is free, and complimentary on-site parking is available. See lakeviewcemetery.com for visitation guidelines.

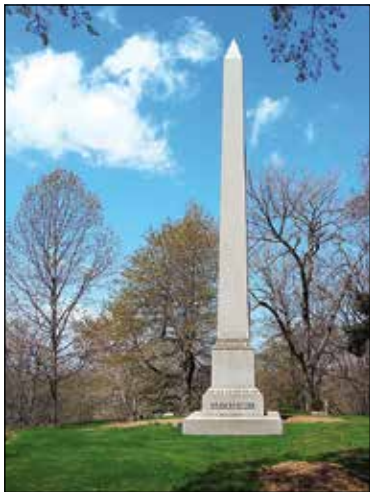
From the hard lines and polished surfaces of Cleveland's East Side rises a rural oasis of gentle hills and swaying greenery, a place of peace and repose, a sanctum from the roar of the city streets below. While the inadvertent visitor might be taken by surprise, Lake View Cemetery has been this way since its founding in 1869, being designed after the grand garden cemeteries of France and Victorian England.

Originally developed five miles from the city in bucolic arboreal surroundings, today the cemetery's 285 acres encompasses tracts of Cleveland, East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights. The expansive grounds host two small lakes, wildlife and a variety of exceptional horticulture: over 750 labeled trees, four of which are Moses Cleaveland trees – trees that were growing when Cleaveland first surveyed the area in 1796.

Nestled into Lake View's hillsides, overlooking its shimmering lakes and sheltered under the graceful branches of its trees are the final resting places of over 109,000 people, including some of Cleveland's most prominent citizens. Recognizable names like Bolton, Crawford, Freed, Hanna, Higbee, Mather, Rockefeller and Sears dot the premises, many of which adorn elegant stones and are accompanied by statuary.

Indeed, the cemetery's impressive architecture is not limited to the immediately recognizable family names, with graceful angels, rounded urns, and stately obelisks found throughout the grounds. A complimentary map details 12 notable resting places, as well as two of the cemetery's highlights: the Wade Family Chapel and the Garfield Monument.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Wade Memorial Chapel was dedicated in 1901 in memory of Jephtha Wade, the founder of The Western Union Telegraph Company and the first president of Lake View Cemetery.



The Rockefeller Family Monument, located in Section 10, Lot 49



The Wade Memorial Chapel in Section 5



"The Angel of Death Victorious," also known as the "Haserot Angel," is often sought out by visitors to the cemetery. She is located in Section 9, Lot 4.

The interior is completely designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany and his studios, one of the few remaining in the world with that distinction. Framing the interior is the theme, "The Voyage of Life," with an ethereal stained-glass window, The Flight of Souls, taking center stage. The piece won a gold medal previous to installation at the 1900 Exposition Universelle in Paris, remaining a highly prized example of Tiffany's famed ecclesiastical work.

On the west and east walls are full-length mosaics designed by Frederick Wilson, constructed by Tiffany Studios in New York and re-assembled in Wade Chapel. The exterior of the chapel was



The Garfield Monument, located in Section 15



Garfield Monument, interior, with statue of President Garfield

designed by local architects Hubbell and Benes, and executed in a Neo-Classical style, complete with pediment, columns, Ionic capitals and a portico. A guide is present during operating hours, and private tours are available.

Like the Wade Memorial Chapel, the James A. Garfield Memorial is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and staff are available for public and private tours discussing Garfield's life and the history of the building. Designed by architect George Keller as a combination of Romanesque, Gothic and Byzantine architectural styles fashioned of Berea Sandstone, the solemn memorial stands 180 feet tall, looking out over



Eliot Ness (1903-1957), law enforcement officer who brought down gangster Al Capone and who served as safety director of Cleveland from 1935-1942. The Ness Memorial is located in Section 7, Lot 8.

the cemetery grounds from a hilltop. It was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1890, as the final resting place of the 20th president of the United States.

The memorial hall is lavishly decorated, resplendent in gold mosaics, colored marble, red marble columns, and stained-glass windows depicting the 13 original colonies, plus the state of Ohio. In the main gallery is a statue of President Garfield, sculpted by Alexander Doyle. Located in the crypt is the president's casket, draped with an American flag, and that of his wife, Lucretia; Garfield's is the only presidential casket on full display.

If one climbs the 64 steps from the lobby to the outdoor balcony, one is rewarded with a stunning view of 40 miles of the Lake Erie shore, with the Cleveland cityscape outlined against the horizon. For all the peaceful reflection that seems to find us in Lake View Cemetery, perhaps no other spot elicits the same level of quiet contemplation as when it is just us alone, suspended above the land, as the wind humming through the air only adds to the silence.

Here in Lake View Cemetery we can find respite from the furious forward march of life, in the gentle embrace of the trees, under the vast expanse of the sky, in the presence of those who have come before. ●

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Free estate planning discussion at BAYarts

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

A special Friends Forever Luncheon is happening at noon on Friday, June 1, in the BAYarts Fuller House.

It will be facilitated by Brian R. Hassett, vice president and wealth strategist at

PNC Ohio Trust Company. Estate planning will be discussed, along with the new tax reform laws and how they affect estate planning and charitable giving strategies. This free talk also includes a free lunch.

RSVP by May 25 to info@bayarts.net or 440-871-6543. ●

Parkside Church celebrates 50th anniversary

by NANCY PADGETT

Westlake Parkside Church of the Nazarene located at 23600 Hilliard Blvd. will celebrate its 50th anniversary at this location.

Pastor Stephen Zirkle, former and current members, and special guests will be celebrating this anniversary during the morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 20, followed by

a fellowship luncheon.

The former Lakewood Church of the Nazarene (1932-1968) moved to this location in 1968 under the leadership of Reverend P.W. Kizzee, who pastored the church from 1961-1999. His pastorate was followed by Reverend Richard Gatlin (1999-2005) and Reverend Troy Durkovic (2005-2009).

Pastor Stephen Zirkle is the current pastor since 2010. ●

BAYarts festival celebrates the outdoors

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

The Get Out! festival on the BAYarts campus on Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will celebrate the art of the outdoors. Body, soul and art are all included. The festival day will include food, drink, live music by Michelle Gaw (from noon to 2 p.m.) and plenty of vendors and activities.

BAYarts Executive Director Nancy Heaton feels the festival title is perfect. "We wanted to convey the upbeat attitude that goes along with Spring when everything is waking up and it's time to get out of the house and embrace the sun again. ... It's all about getting out and getting going."

Some of the cool festival vendors will include beach glass crafts, fishing apparel, bicycle merchandise, drones, standup



MIKE MARINIS PHOTOGRAPHY

Visitors enjoy last year's Get Out! festival.

paddle boards, reiki, hand-crafted ironworks, a food truck, local craft beer and ice cream.

A special Trike & Bike is planned for younger riders, ages 3 to 12, with a tot lot loop and a longer one-mile loop option. All of the dollars raised from this ride will directly benefit VeloSano Kids, an initiative to raise funds for pediatric cancer research at Cleveland Clinic Children's. Riders must register

in advance, and can do so on bayarts.net. Activities during this event include face painting, a balloon artist and a DJ.

There are two great free activities planned: free yoga sessions at noon and 2 p.m.; and free martial arts demonstrations at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

An En Plein Air group will be drawing/painting with a live clothed model. People can join in at \$10/person. ●

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Wednesday, May 16, 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Learn about master pollinators the mason bee and leaf-cutter bee at this meeting. Social time will start at 11:15 a.m. The club's business meeting will follow from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Then there will be a luncheon from noon to 12:45 p.m. The speaker is Beth Murphy, president of the Avon Lake Garden Club, and she will be speaking from 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to all. No reservations required. For information call Shirley Lutz, 440-871-2541.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, May 16, 5-8 p.m.
SPRING CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW

We'll have trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in two categories: cars & models. Our residents have been building models which will also be entered this year for not only trophies, but bragging rights. We'll have refreshments, a 50/50 drawing, door prizes and music. We'll also have a basket raffle to benefit our residents' Model Club. Contact Barb Hopkins at 440-892-2100, ext. 3020, to pre-register.
Westlake Rehab & Nursing Center, 4000 Crocker Rd.

Wednesday, May 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Archivist Dr. Judith Cetina, will present "Cuyahoga County Archives Holdings at the New Location." Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Social time is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend, free of charge. For information visit www.cwcogs.org or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Representatives from Bay Village's nonprofit and civic groups are encouraged to attend and network with each other, share ideas and event schedules, and promote activities. Email tara@wbvobserver.com with questions.
Bay Village Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.

Thursday, May 17, 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, and build strong leadership and mentoring skills. Contact: Mary Anne, 216-374-3205.
Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
(Rescheduled from May 12)
SPRING YARD SALE

The Westlake Historical Society's annual yard sale

features classy cast-offs and no-longer-needed knick-knacks. Proceeds benefit Clague Museum.
Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELLNESS FAIR

Learn how to increase personal safety and wellness from more than 60 exhibitors and displays, watch live demonstrations, and get a wide variety health screenings. Special activities for children make it a great event for families. Emergency vehicles, service trucks, and more and their crews will participate in "Touch-a-Truck."
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Saturday, May 19, 2 p.m.
"ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE[D READING]"
Anton Chekhov's "The Bear" will be performed by the Bay Village Community Theater. Free.
O'Neill Healthcare Bay Village, 605 Bradley Rd.

Saturday, May 19, 8:30 p.m.
TELESCOPE NIGHT

Join telescope expert Bill Reed for an evening under the stars. We will begin in the planetarium for an update on the sky tonight then head out to see the view along with an 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain scope. Fee: \$7/person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Sunday, May 20, 9 a.m.-noon
FAMILY FISHING DAY

Introduce the family to fishing! Learn about the basics: equipment, how to cast, where to fish and what kind of fish you'll catch. Then head out to Lake Erie to throw your line in the water. All equipment will be provided. Adults and teens (16 and up) who wish to fish must possess a valid fishing license. One adult must accompany every 2 children registered. Fee: \$7/person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Sunday, May 20, 1 p.m.
BREAKWATER APARTMENTS OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a tour of Breakwater Apartments, The Normandy's newly renovated apartment complex. Enjoy refreshments and giveaways, including an Apple HomePod speaker! For more information or to RSVP, call 440-333-5401.
Breakwater Apartments, 22701 Lake Rd., Rocky River

Sunday, May 20, 6-7 p.m.
"ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE[D READING]"
Anton Chekhov's "The Bear" will be performed by the Bay Village Community Theater. Free.
Mojo's Coffee and More, 600 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village

Monday, May 21, 11:30 a.m.
PARSLEY, SAGE, ROSEMARY AND THYME
Robin Johansen, of the Cleveland Botanical Garden, will discuss growing needs of various culinary and aromatic herbs and how to successfully combine them in a container garden. Experience this as a demonstration or build your own garden in a 12-inch pot for a fee of \$12. Luncheon served; \$5 fee for guests. RSVP by calling Sharen at 440-871-9098 or by visiting bayvillagegardenclub.com.
Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.

Wednesday, May 23, 11 a.m.
YOUR AGING EYES
Medical lecturer Tom Strong will speak about how our eyes change as we age and the preventative measures you can take against serious eye disorders. Complimentary lunch will be provided.
Huntington Woods, 27705 Westchester Pkwy, Westlake

Friday, May 25, 10-11 a.m.
OUTSMARTING THE SCAMMERS
Mike Norman from Edward Jones Financial in Westlake will present various red flags to watch out for with regard to scamming practices and what we can do to prevent from being a victim. Refreshments will be served. Please call 440-899-9591, as seating is limited.
Westlake Senior Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

Friday, May 25, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
Sauced Wood Fired Pizza and Sweet! The Mobile Cupcakery will be serving lunch and sweet treats. Plenty of parking and picnic tables are available.
Bay Village City Hall parking lot, 350 Dover Center Rd.

Monday, May 28, 8:45 a.m.
BAY VILLAGE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY
Starting from Huntington Park at 8:45 a.m., the parade will march to Lakeside Cemetery for an observance. The parade will then continue down Lake Road, finishing in Cahoon Park for ceremonies.
Lake Road, Huntington Park to Cahoon Park

Monday, May 28, 10 a.m.
WESTLAKE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND SERVICES
The parade travels down Hilliard Boulevard and finishes in Clague Park, where the memorial services honoring those civilians and military who sacrificed so much to protect and keep this country free take place. Call Russ Milan at 440-777-2720 for more information.
Hilliard Boulevard, Sts. Peter and George Church to Clague Park

Monday, May 28, 10:30 a.m.
BAY VILLAGE FOUNDATION BRONZE PLAQUE CEREMONY
The Bay Village Foundation will host its annual ceremony to install and dedicate permanent bronze plaques honoring Bay residents. The Foundation will also announce the winners of scholarships and will award community grants during the program. The public is invited to attend.
Cahoon Park, north of Lake Road

Wednesday, May 30, 6:30 p.m.
WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM BARBARA BUSH?
Learn how Barbara's exemplary life led to her decision to choose comfort care in her final days. Complimentary refreshments, including Barbara's own famous chocolate chip cookies and her "drink of choice." Call 440-871-0500 for more information.
Rae Ann Westlake, 28303 Detroit Rd.

Friday, June 1, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
Melted Fusion and Kona Ice will be serving lunch and sweet treats. There's plenty of parking and picnic tables are available.
Bay Village City Hall parking lot, 350 Dover Center Rd.

Friday, June 1, noon
FREE ESTATE PLANNING DISCUSSION
This special "Friends Forever Luncheon" will be facilitated by Brian R. Hassett, vice president and wealth strategist at PNC Ohio Trust Company. Estate planning will be discussed, along with the new tax reform laws and how they affect estate planning and charitable giving strategies. This free talk also includes a free lunch. RSVP by May 25 to info@bayarts.net or 440-871-6543.
BAYarts Fuller House, 28795 Lake Rd.

Sunday, June 3, 7 p.m.
AN EVENING WITH "TONY"
The Rocky River Community Chorus will present a concert of Tony-winning or nominated songs from Broadway musicals over the decades from 1940s to 2000s. The Rocky River Community Band will perform after the chorus. The facility is handicapped accessible. Attendees are invited to a reception after the concerts. The concert is free. For information call 630-901-0564.
Rocky River Presbyterian Church, 21750 Detroit Rd.

Wednesday, June 6, 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.

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