

Brilliant blooms accent another Westlake summer

by TARA WENDELL

The streets and neighborhoods of Westlake are awash in color again this summer, as residents and businesses across the city competed in the annual Westlake in Bloom competition. The contest, which wrapped with an awards ceremony at La Centre on Aug. 8, honors the most talented and creative amateur landscapers with a gift certificate to one of Westlake's nurseries – and more importantly, bragging rights.

Plaques are bestowed to the top three finishers in each of 17 different categories, from small window boxes to entire yards,

apartment complexes, nursing homes, churches and businesses. Jim Bedell, the city's planning director, visits each participating home and business, taking photos to share with a panel of 11 judges that includes avid gardeners, Westlake Garden Club members and master gardeners.

Tracy Mason, whose job includes watering the more than 200 flower boxes lining Hilliard Boulevard, judges that category. Gayle Hill from the Westlake service department is in charge of the Evergreen Cemetery fence gardens.

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Sandy Strodbeck proudly displays her first place award in Residential Landscaping - Rear Yard category and the Lu Walter "Best in Bloom" award as the top overall winner.

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St. Barnabas welcomes a new priest

by HALLEY MARSH

The Rev. Alexander D. Martin is joining St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Bay Village as Priest in Charge. He is currently the associate rector at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Anderson Township (suburban Cincinnati) of the Southern Diocese of Ohio.



Fr. Alex Martin

Fr. Alex started at St. Barnabas on Aug. 20. His first Sunday service will be on Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. at the church, 468 Bradley Road. All are invited and encouraged to attend the welcome party hosted after the church service.

Fr. Alex is known for his pastoral care, gifted preaching and passion for leading liturgical worship.

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Volunteers sought to provide comfort, care at Ames Family Hospice House

by LAURIE HENRICHSEN

Would you like to volunteer close to home where you can make a meaningful difference to families in the community? Hospice of the Western Reserve, a nonprofit organization that helps families through one of life's most difficult times, is seeking caring people who want to give back to others by becoming hands-on care volunteers. New volunteers are needed to join the hospice team to provide compassionate support to patients and families at Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake.



Ames Family Hospice House on Crocker Road in Westlake.

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Bay Village Touch-a-Truck returns Sept. 8

by SGT. ROBERT GILLESPIE

On Saturday, Sept. 8, from noon to 3 p.m., the Bay Village Police Department is hosting the fourth annual Touch-a-Truck event. The free event will take place rain or shine at the combined safety campus of the Bay Village police and fire departments, 28000-28100 Wolf Road. This event is for kids of all ages.

The Bay Village Police Department, Fire Department and Service Department will be present along with many other public safety service providers and community service organizations. Residents and their children will have the opportunity to meet their police officers, firefighters/paramedics and service department employees and others while exploring the wide range of vehicles.

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K-9 officer Matt Rodriguez and "Diego" of the Rocky River Police Dept. will be at this year's Touch-a-Truck event on Sept. 8 at the Bay police station.

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BARNABAS

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“I was attracted to St. Barnabas because it is a place where those who have felt left out elsewhere can find a community to embrace them. It’s a place committed to unapologetically proclaiming God’s boundless love for all people, without exception,” he said.

“Father Alex’s passion and energy for God’s call for radical inclusivity was evident from the first time we talked to him, and that’s really important to us at St. Barnabas. We are beyond thrilled that he accepted our call, and excited for this next chapter in St. Barnabas’ history,” said Clare Long, senior warden of St. Barnabas.

Fr. Alex is a member of the board of directors (and chair of the board’s governance committee) of El Hogar Ministries, a non-profit organization which raises \$1.6 million annually to support the life-changing work of El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza, an Episcopal school in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

He has a Bachelor of Arts in history from The Ohio State University (where he dotted the “i” in the marching band) and a Master of Divinity from The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City, where he serves as a member of the Alumni Executive Committee. A native of Ashtabula, he will be relocating to Bay Village with his husband, Rob.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 440-871-6200. ●

SPORTING VIEWS

Huey, Louis, and the news

by JEFF BING

As much fun as it’s been so far – and seriously, folks, watching the Browns for the last two decades has been nothing but one big, continuous belly laugh – it has become abundantly clear that I have a few questions that require some answers.

First and foremost, how did Jimmy Haslam ever persuade John Dorsey to come on board as the Browns GM with Hue Jackson *remaining* as head coach? Even with the significant talent upgrade Dorsey has provided Hue for the upcoming season, the deer-in-the-headlights persona that has defined Jackson in his tenure with the Browns remains.

I mean, every time the guy looks up at the scoreboard during a ballgame, he acts like he’s just awakened from a 20-year coma (which, for most fans, accurately portrays Browns football over the last two decades), but it’s not a good look for a head coach. Especially a 1-31 head coach.

Jimmy Haslam has said throughout training camp that with this year’s talent upgrade, in 2018 Browns fans would “see the real Hue Jackson.” That *has* to be a step in the right direction, as the results up to this point have been epically “unreal.”

Speaking of unreal, when the Browns announced early in training camp that last year’s leading receiver, Ricardo Louis, would be out for the season following neck surgery, there was talk in the media of the (implied dire) need to “replace” Louis, the team’s leading receiver in 2017. Because we obviously wouldn’t want to take a step backward from glory-filled 2017, right? We had a parade, remember.

Let’s hang on a second, gang. Ricardo *who*? Oh yeah, the guy whose clutch receiving helped us to that lofty 0-16 record, *that* Ricardo? Then *yes*, by all means, let’s get another Ricardo-esque receiver before other teams figure out what we’re up to and try to stop us. *Hurry!*

Everyone is familiar with the old business adage that “it starts at the top,” right? The implication being, of course, that you need the head honcho to be competent since the rest of the organization will eventually follow the lead of numero uno.

That brings us to Jimmy Haslam. It is hard for me to believe that the reason he has stayed with Hue Jackson is because Jimmy was so hurt by the (deserved) criticism after the way he plowed through front office personnel that he vowed he wouldn’t “blow it up” again. After he canned Sashi Brown, Jimmy knew there would be more heat if did the logical thing and canned Hue Jackson. So he stuck with Mr. 1-31? Great strategy, General Custer, you got ‘em just where you want ‘em.

People forget that Haslam was a minority owner for the Steelers for five years before buying the Browns. When Haslam purchased the Browns, I was certain that his Pittsburgh experience would translate to a big plus for his new gig in Cleveland. How could he have been with such a successful organization for *five whole years* and learned absolutely nothing? It defies logic.

The Browns will be considerably better in 2018, which is not exactly a bold statement considering where they finished in 2017. Any success they achieve, however, will be in spite of Jimmy and Hue, not because of them. ●

HOSPICE

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“Our hands-on care volunteers provide comfort, companionship and dignity at a time when they are most needed,” explained Patti Hanrahan, Volunteer Service Manager at Ames Family Hospice House. “It’s very fulfilling work. They’ll work side by side with our Hospice Nursing Assistants to assist with bathing, transferring and repositioning, personal care, oral hygiene and feeding. They may also spend time with patients to provide much-needed respite breaks for their family caregivers.”

Hanrahan said all volunteers-in-training first attend introductory classes

where they learn more about Hospice of the Western Reserve, its services, its mission in the community and the important role they will be playing as part of the volunteer team. Applicants have a choice of two convenient scheduling options: attendance at either a series of weekday sessions or two full-day Saturday sessions. Advance registration is required. Following the classes, a four-hour self-study module is completed at home.

“We mentor and provide guidance every step of the way,” Hanrahan said. “We want our volunteers to feel 100 percent comfortable and well-prepared so we’ve built in plenty of time for shadowing and observing experienced volunteers and clinical team members before they actu-

ally begin assisting with any care.”

“Our volunteers describe their work as a labor of love,” she added. “They play an integral role in helping us maintain the highest levels of care and support for our patients and their families. At the end of the day, they have the satisfaction of knowing they have made a tremendous difference in the lives of others.”

The next west side introductory training session will be held Saturdays, Sept. 22 and 29, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Lorain County Community College. For more information or to register, call the Volunteer Services Team at 216-255-9090. A full schedule of upcoming volunteer training classes can be found on the website: hospicewr.org/volunteer. ●

Bay Village Democrats gear up for November

by DAVE SARTIN

The Bay Village Democratic Club is preparing for the November elections.

In recent weeks, club members have:

- Conducted trial runs at neighborhood canvassing, using special software to identify undecided voters as well as persons who say

they are Democrats.

- Conducted weekly phone bank evenings to encourage residents to register to vote and participate in elections.
- Launched a website, baydems.org, that lists upcoming club meetings, guides viewers through the process to register to vote and provides an election precinct map for the city.

Baydems.org also allows residents to file membership applications.

- Updated a Facebook page, The Bay Village Democrats.
- Re-elected Gerald R. Horning as City Leader within the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party. Horning already serves as club president.

The club has also begun planning for the annual club Corn Roast, Wednesday, Sept.

19, from 6 to 8 p.m at Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Road. All residents are invited to the roast, a traditional fall event to renew friendships, discuss politics and hear candidates for federal, state, county and local offices. Hot dogs, roasted corn and soft drinks will be served. There is no charge. Families often attend. Some people bring a side dish or dessert to share. ●

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WESTLAKE RECREATION

‘Ohana’ shines in Westlake’s Corporate Challenge 2018

by **BETH PATTERSON**

With the end of Westlake’s annual Corporate Challenge, laughter, fun and camaraderie was seen throughout the two-week-long competition. We had 14 teams competing this year but one team, Q Lab, captured the soul of this year’s theme – “Ohana,” or family.

Team Q Lab has been competing in Corporate Challenge since 2014. One of their employees loved this annual event and participated every year. This July, he passed away but he had encouraged his team to be strong and win. Extending his legacy, he and his wife planned to donate backpacks to the Pack the Pack Challenge which benefitted Fox 8’s Stuff the Bus Campaign.

Having come from a large family, extended family members asked his wife what they could do to support the family. She responded that they could donate backpacks filled with school supplies, and they did. In all, his family donated 18 backpacks filled with pens, paper, rulers and much more.

To compete the challenge of Pack the Pack, each team was to donate 10 filled backpacks. Team Q Lab had over 18 so they reached out to competitors to see if anyone needed a filled backpack to complete the challenge. For this challenge over 80 backpacks filled with thousands of supplies were donated to the Stuff the Bus Campaign.

In addition to Pack the Pack, community outreach challenges also benefitted the Red Cross with over 130 pints of blood being donated and the Westlake Community Services food pantry received over 1,000 nonperishable food items and \$300 in cash donations.

Teams competed in a variety of events such as golf, Texas hold ‘em, and sand volleyball. The cardboard boat races are always a highlight of the competition displaying the creativity and ingenuity of each team as they race across the Recreation Center pool. New events this year consisted of lawn bowling, a whiffle ball home run derby and children’s games. The overall champions

for the 12th annual Corporate Challenge were Teams Q Lab and Echo in each of their respective divisions.

During the last week of Corporate Challenge teams competed in a cupcake decorating contest. Delicious creativity was on display with the Westlake Rec’s Pina Colada cupcakes sharing first place with United Consumer Financial Services for their division and Echo taking first place in their division.

Team Q Lab’s entry brought us back to why we were here: family. Their display honored the loved ones they had lost in the past few years, reminding us that life is raw and painful at times but when we come together and lean on each other we heal, we grow stronger, we move forward together. We are Westlake. We are Ohana. ●

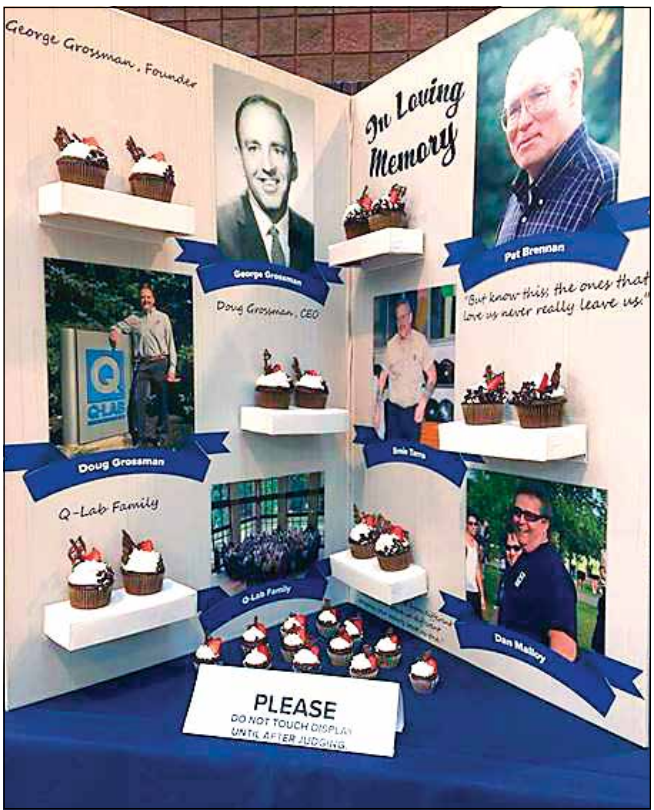


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Team Q Lab’s cupcake entry honors those who have passed in recent years.



PHOTO BY BRITTNEE LAURENCE

Team Q Lab competing in Corporate Challenge 2018.

Ready for a volunteer opportunity? Join the Women’s Board of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

by **KAREN HUENDORFF**

September brings the regrouping of many organizations which have taken a break during the

summer. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Women’s Board will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the Science Center in Bay Village. We always welcome interested persons who would

like to join us and learn about our activities which support the Center’s mission through service, leadership, community awareness and fundraising.

If you would like to attend

and listen to an update of the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s activities and programs by our Executive Director, Catherine Timko, please join us at noon for social time before our meeting at 12:30 p.m. We will also highlight a few of our planned programs and our annual fundraiser in December, a Clague Playhouse

presentation.

Fall and winter days are coming, so an afternoon with new friends and volunteer opportunities to support the Center may be one way to enjoy a new experience. The Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village.

Please call 440-871-2900 for more information. ●



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Jim Bedell, Westlake Planning & Economic Development Director, and Michelle Boczek, Westlake Economic Development Manager, display the many awards given at the Westlake in Bloom ceremony, while Mayor Dennis Clough addresses the audience.

BLOOM

from front page

Entries are judged on the basis of color, balance, texture, quality of plant material, originality and maintenance.

This year's ceremony featured two special awards. The first-ever lifetime achievement award was announced for Bonnie Heim, a service department employee who recently passed away after a brief illness. Heim was a Westlake in Bloom steering committee member and judge, and also tended the garden beds around city hall. Bedell was able to present a plaque to Heim before her passing; the plaque will hang in her memory at the Westlake service garage.

The other inaugural honor was a legacy award presented to George and Diane Woyansky, in recognition of their gardening

supremacy. The couple has taken first place in six of the last 10 competitions in the Residential Landscaping – Entire Yard, Small category, including a Lu Walter “Best in Bloom” award as the top overall winner.

The “Best in Bloom” award this year went to Sandy Strodbeck for her entry in the Residential Landscaping – Rear Yard category. The Strodbeck property on Horseshoe Boulevard features a variety of landscaped beds throughout the expansive 100-foot-by-600-foot yard.

“The judges gave this yard high scores for its balance, focal points, texture and use of plant materials that are perfectly suited for this Westlake yard that has areas ranging from full sun to full shade,” Bedell said. “Maintenance, planting – she does it all. And it's a big yard.”

Strodbeck was stunned to receive the night's top

honor. “I'm totally shocked, I didn't expect this,” she said after the ceremony. “I think I'm going to cry.”

Strodbeck moved into the home – which her grandfather built by hand – in 2000, with husband, Tom, and their children Danny, Ashley and Tiffany. The backyard served as a sports field when the kids were younger, providing a grassy spot for playing baseball, golf and football. As they got older – they are now 23, 30 and 36 – Sandy started doing some landscaping.

It turned into a labor of love; she now spends up to six hours each day maintaining the beds. It sounds as though that workload may increase, as the “Bloom” win has spurred Sandy to reach even higher.

“I gotta really kick it up next year,” Sandy laughed. She plans to start sprucing up the front of the house with an eye toward entering the Entire Yard category. ●



Sandy Strodbeck's backyard on Horseshoe Boulevard was chosen as the top overall winner in this year's Westlake in Bloom competition.



Kathy Luengo accepted the first-place award in the Hilliard Flower Box category, on behalf of Kingsville/Westlake Sister Cities. The box was dedicated to the memory of Brett Luengo.



Rae-Ann facilities swept the Nursing Home/Assisted/Independent Living category again this year. Pictured are owner John Griffiths and grounds manager Sam Harris.



First-place winners are recognized with yard signs; St. Ladislav Church is pictured here, winner in the Place of Worship category.



The Sculli family took home two awards – first place in the Residential - Front Yard, Large category and second place in the Patio category.

2018 Westlake in Bloom winners

Lifetime Achievement Award

Bonnie Heim

Evergreen Cemetery Fence Gardens

First Place: Shawn Bledsoe and Family, In Memory of Charlotte Bledsoe
Second Place: Bill and Charmine Soeder, The Endress Family
Third Place: Marty Stein, In Memory of Chuck and Peg Stein

Hilliard Boulevard Flower Box

First Place: Kingsville/Westlake Sister Cities
Second Place: A Literary Garden for Our Little Prince
Third Place: The Barone Family

Community Garden

First Place: Lee Ding
Second Place: Georgine Rak and Audrey McNulty
Third Place: George Zheng

Apartment or Condominium Complex Entrance

First Place: Remington Apartments, Detroit Road
Second Place: Sturbridge Square Apartments, Westford Circle
Third Place: Wyndgate Club, Wyndgate Court

Nursing Home/Assisted/Independent Living Facility

First Place: Rae-Ann Suburban Nursing and Rehabilitation, Detroit Road
Second Place: The Belvedere of Westlake, Detroit Road
Third Place: Rae-Ann Westlake Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, Detroit Road

Business/Hotel/Motel

First Place: Applied Companies LLC, Ranney Parkway
Second Place: Kleinhenz Jewelers, Detroit Road
Third Place: Nordson Corporation, Clemens Road

Place of Worship/Institutional/Quasi-Public/Public Place

First Place: St. Ladislas Catholic Church, Bassett Road
Second Place: Westlake Seventh-day Adventist Church, Columbia Road
Third Place: CrossPointe Community, Columbia Road

Patio and Abutting Garden – Single Family

First Place: Andrew Presley, Prince Charles Avenue
Second Place: Lynette and Matthew Sciulli, Detroit Road
Third Place: Cynthia Dutli, Salem Parkway

Patio and Abutting Garden – Multi-Family/Cluster Home

First Place: Robert McCormick and Richard Lindsley, Clubside Drive
Second Place: Sharon L. Huelsman, Bay Landing Drive
Third Place: Ildiko Kish, Westtown Boulevard

Vegetable Garden

First Place: Lonna Nimylowycz, Muirfield Way
Second Place: Steven Genther and Elizabeth Nici, Saint Andrews
Third Place: Kundmueller Family, Westwood Road

Shade Garden

First Place: Marian Ext and Dr. Roger Mansnerus, Persimmon Drive
Second Place: Frank and Janet Coughlin, Clubside Drive
Third Place: Robert McCormick and Richard Lindsley, Clubside Drive

Window Boxes

First Place: Lizabeth K. Emrick, Clubside Drive
Second Place: Bryan and Ashley Mitchell, Northglen Drive
Third Place: Judy Brancifort, Center Ridge Road

Residential Landscaping – Front Yard, Small

First Place: Colin and Eileen Durante, Acadia Trace
Second Place: Mary Kim Elkins and Dave Greenspan, Durham Drive
Third Place: Daniel Last, Marview Drive

Residential Landscaping – Front Yard, Large

First Place: Lynette and Matthew Sciulli, Detroit Road
Second Place: Beth Gonosey, Cinnamon Way
Third Place: Robert and Annette Koenig, Schwartz Road

Residential Landscaping – Rear Yard

First Place: Sandy Strodbeck, Horseshoe Boulevard
Second Place: Rod and Jeanne Hill, Chapparral South
Third Place: Glen and Cynthia Peterson, Tricia Drive

Residential Landscaping – Entire Yard, Small

Legacy Award: George and Diane Woyansky, Donna Drive
First Place: Roger C. and Ruth E. Williams, Kathryn Drive
Second Place: Dannielle Cavallaro, Queens Court
Third Place: Jay and Sally Magee, Clubside Drive

Residential Landscaping – Entire Yard, Large

First Place: Lan Le Truong To and Binh Van To, Sleepy Hollow Drive
Second Place: John and Eva Hughes, Arlington Row
Third Place: Lou and Jean Povinelli, Prince Charles Avenue

Lu Walter “Best in Bloom” Award

Sandy Strodbeck, Horseshoe Boulevard

WESTLAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Top 10 reasons to visit the Westlake Senior Center in September

by LYDIA GADD

People love Top 10 lists. David Letterman made them a part of our pop culture, and the internet assures an ongoing supply. We like them for a number of reasons: they’re memorable, educational, practical, motivational and give us a platform to rank our views, express our opinions and have something to talk about over cocktails or coffee. Senior centers are likable for the same reasons!

In honor of the Top 10 list, here are the Top 10 Reasons why you (who are Plus 50) should visit the Westlake Senior Center in September:

1. **Aging Alone** (a paradoxical monthly group with topics to help seniors aging alone, not age alone), on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 10 a.m. The topic will be “Conversation with a Fireman” – Westlake’s Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Freeman, will join us to discuss safety in your home. RSVP by Aug. 31.
2. **Through the Eyes of an Artist**, a weekly series on Thursdays at 10 a.m., beginning Sept. 6. Felicia Zavarella

entertains and educates us about the history and lives of artists: Monet, Remington, Gauguin and Picasso. Learn some of the back-stories of their lives as you view their work with a better understanding. Cost is \$12 for series, payable by Sept. 5.

3. **Flu Shots** (OK, this falls in the “practical” category for why we like Top 10 lists) on Wednesday, Sept. 26; schedule your appointment between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. All participants will receive a \$5 Giant Eagle gift card. Medicare and most insurances are accepted.
4. **History of the World as Told by Salt** on Mondays, Sept. 10-Oct. 22, at 1 p.m. A rock, a mineral, a spice; salt is essential for life in general. It is one of the oldest and most ubiquitous food seasonings. Ted Smith will teach us how the mining, trade and distribution of this valuable commodity shaped our history. Cost is \$10 for series, payable by Sept. 7.
5. **A New Weigh of Life: “Sugar Blues”** on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. Jennifer Yoo will share tools, tips and ideas on how (and why) to limit or rid yourself of this highly addictive

substance. RSVP by Sept. 10.

6. **Robby’s Voice** program AND LUNCH on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 11:30 a.m. Robby’s Voice is a non-profit named after a young man who fell victim to the opiate epidemic. His grandparents give the talk, on how to recognize and cope with addictions from their perspective as grandparents who tragically lost their grandson. Personnel from the West Shore Enforcement Bureau and UH St. John Medical Center will also be on hand to provide resources and an update about our community’s efforts to fight this epidemic. RSVP by Sept. 6.
7. **Chronic Pain Self-Management** on Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 16, from 9-11:30 a.m. This evidence-based workshop is designed to give individuals with chronic pain issues self-management tools to greatly improve their lives. Subjects covered in this interactive class include techniques to deal with fatigue, frustration, isolation, negative thinking and poor sleep. Exercises appropriate for maintaining strength, flexibility

and endurance are demonstrated. A workbook will be given to each participant. If you register, you must be able to commit to at least 4 of the 6 sessions. Space is limited! RSVP by Sept. 7.

8. **AARP Smart Driver** on Friday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Review driving skills, habits and knowledge of rules of the road. Learn how to adjust your driving response to age-related physical changes. Feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch. The DMV will also have an eye testing station on site this day (no appointment necessary for the eye testing only). Cost is \$15 for AARP members/\$20 for non-members. RSVP by Sept. 14.
9. **Medicare 101** on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 1 p.m. The title says it all! Presented by an Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) counselor. RSVP by Aug. 31.
10. **Piano Man** on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 11 a.m. Enjoy a hearty lunch as patron John Herwig entertains us on the piano. You are encouraged to sing along, as long as your mouth isn’t full! Cost is \$8, payable by Sept. 19.

RSVP to 440-899-3544 or stop in and take a tour at 29694 Center Ridge Road, we are the white building on the golf course. Check out our monthly newsletter at www.cityofwestlake.org/157/Community-Services. We are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ●

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TOUCH-A-TRUCK

from front page

In addition to Bay Village equipment, guests may see MetroHealth's Life Flight land in Cahoon Park during the event, allowing attendees to view the helicopter and talk to the nurses. The Westshore Enforcement Bureau will display their SWAT vehicle, bomb truck, hazmat unit and all their associated equipment. A Bay Schools bus will be available for kids to experience. Visit with K-9 Diego and his handler, Rocky River officer Matt Rodriguez. Visit with members of the Ohio National Guard and their Humvees.

Guests can also gather information on everything from bicycle safety and teen drivers to internet safety and social media awareness. The Bay Village Police Department Auxiliary Unit can get you signed up for the ReadyNotify emergency alert system or the Do Not Knock Registry. You may bring in your household documents to be shredded, with donations going to support the Bay Village Police Auxiliary Unit.

Food will be provided by a local food vendor. Other organizations in attendance or providing information include the FBI, Village Bicycle Cooperative, Red Cross, Westshore Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), University Hospitals Rainbow Safety Squad and Impact Teen Driving.

Parking will be available in the lot on the south side of the police department, in Cahoon Park and at Bay Middle School.

Don't miss the chance to climb in a fire truck, sit in the seat of a front-end loader, and turn on the emergency lights of a police car. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions of your community service providers and receive valuable safety information. This very successful event draws over a thousand visitors and this year promises to be even bigger.

We look forward to a successful event and seeing all our school kids at the fourth annual Touch-a-Truck event! ●

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Troop 41 Scouts earn Eagle Rank

by RANDY RISCH

Sam Warren and Dylan Gubanyar, Bay Village Troop 41, earned the Eagle Scout rank on Aug. 13. Sam and Dylan become the Troop's 157th and 158th Eagle Scouts since 1964.

For his Eagle service project, Sam's team collected donations and sent care packages to service members through Operation Buckeye.

Dylan's Eagle service project team refurbished a storage and recreation area for the youth group at Lakewood Presbyterian Church.

Visit troop41.wordpress.com for more information about Boy Scout Troop 41. ●



Dylan Gubanyar



Sam Warren

Bay Theater would like you to be our billboard!

by PATRICK MEEHAN

Bay Village Community Theater invites you to help them promote their fall show.

2018 marks the 80th anniversary of Orson Welles's radio adaptation of

the classic sci-fi novel "The War of the Worlds" and the Bay Village Community Theater is gearing up to celebrate.

MoArt Designs has created several T-shirts promoting the upcoming production of "War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast" by Joe Landry. If

you get one of our shirts and become a human billboard for this show, we guarantee you'll look great!

To find out how where you can get yours, visit baytheater.org and check out facebook.com/BayTheater to keep up with the latest news on the show. ●



You can help promote the Bay Community Theater's production of "War of the Worlds" by purchasing a stylish T-shirt at baytheater.org.

SENIOR LIVING

Living with dementia in an artful way

by JEANINE SURACE

The mission of the Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health at the Center for Artful Living is to enrich the lives of families touched by dementia through the arts and community outreach. Dr. Charles Farrell established the Foundation in 2011 to honor his wife, Carolyn, who died in 2015 after touched by dementia for 10 years.

Earlier this year, the Foundation celebrated the grand opening of its new location with a ribbon cutting ceremony by Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough

and Westlake officials.

Enrichment sessions offered include visual art, music, dance/movement, creative storytelling as well as other activities. Although not therapy, the activities try to engage the individuals by incorporating all five senses to strengthen communication and stimulate opportunities for engagement and socialization. These activities are provided free of charge to both the individual and caregiver.

Before purchasing the present Westlake location at 26633 Detroit Road in 2017, Dr. Farrell rented local space; he continues to offer outreach programs in the community. Some of his primary goals are to help raise awareness about brain health and end the stigma regarding dementia and other brain health issues.

A variety of programs and seminars in a Dementia Friendly Community are offered at the Center for Artful Living. In order to maintain the enrichment activities at no cost, the Center is rented for corporate and celebratory events such as small business and family gatherings, cooking demonstrations, art exhibit receptions, birthday parties and showers. The meeting room, which has a full



Dr. Charles Farrell, founder of the Farrell Foundation for Brain Health, and Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough cut the ribbon at the Foundation's new location.

kitchen and furnished with tables and chairs, accommodates 20 people comfortably. Additional parking is available at nearby businesses on Detroit Road. Valet parking and/or Westlake Police for traffic control can be arranged for events, also.

For more information about the Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health and/or to rent space at the Center for Artful Living, please call 440-414-0434, email info@farrellfoundation.com or visit center4artfulliving.com/carolyn-l-farrell-foundation. ●

WESTLAKE-WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL

Art, artists and awards reception has taste

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

Art, artists and awards will headline the Saturday, Aug. 25, reception marking the close of the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council's Community of Fine Arts Show, currently exhibited at Westlake Porter Public Library. But the three big "A"s are framed in an array of tempting snacks and beverages for the "all are welcome" attendees to the 2 to 3:30 p.m. event.

The COFA, a juried art show, offers the public an opportunity to enjoy 100 pieces of art during its four-week exhibit and the reception allows the public to meet artists and applaud their achievements.

Artists whose works are awarded a first-place in each division and category will receive a \$100 cash award, second place receives \$50, and honorable mention receives a gift certificate.

Amateur and professional artists and photographers may submit up to three original works for consideration of entry. Works are accepted in two divisions: Amateur/Semi-Professional and Professional.

The show's six categories are: Watercolor, Charcoal/Pastel, Drawing-Pen & Ink, Mixed Medium, Oil/Acrylic, and Photography. The three art experts who judged the 2018 COFA exhibit are Joyce Bolte, Daniel Levin and Victoria Wagner.

COFA co-chairpersons, Robert Pearl and Howard Hoehn, are grateful to the gracious employees of Porter Library, the volunteers who helped display the art work, and the WWAC board and its membership, who have made COFA a reality for 19 years.

The 2018 Community of Fine Arts Winners are:

AMATEUR/SEMI PROFESSIONAL

Watercolor: 1st Place, Claire Palmisano; 2nd Place, Tom Hemsath; Honorable Mention, Cynthia Jarzen

Charcoal/Pastel: 1st Place, Phyllis Barrett; 2nd Place, Paul Collander; Honorable Mention, Paul Collander

Drawing-Pen & Ink: 1st Place – No award; 2nd Place Kathryn Soweke; Honorable Mention, Dave Berkheimer

Mixed Medium: No awards given

Oil/Acrylic: 1st Place, Marguerite Arendec; 2nd Place, Robert Pearl; Honorable Mention, Laurel Cantelberry

Photography: 1st Place, Lysa Stanton; 2nd Place & Honorable Mention – No awards

PROFESSIONAL

Watercolor: 1st Place, Pat Sigmier; 2nd Place, Bob Parry; Honorable Mention, Nancy Notaranni

Charcoal/Pastel: No awards given

Drawing-Pen & Ink: 1st Place, Sean Crum; 2nd Place – No award; Honorable Mention, Jackie Hixon

Mixed Medium: 1st Place, Gail Crum; 2nd Place & Honorable Mention – No awards

Oil/Acrylic: No awards given

Photography: 1st Place, Zackery Hoon; 2nd Place, Linda Phillips; Honorable Mention, Neil Doren ●



PHOTO BY BOB PARRY

"Counter Melody," a watercolor by Pat Sigmier, awarded first place in the Professional Division.



"Child of the Snow," a pastel by Phyllis Barrett, won first place in the Amateur/Semi-Pro division.

Tour Village Project's building renovation at Sept. 16 open house

by DIANE FRYE

So what's been going on at the Village Project headquarters in Bay Village this summer? Well, besides VP's multigenerational volunteers continuing to prepare and deliver hundreds of meals each week for its clients, something very special has been happening to the building itself.

Because Village Project's client base has increased 600 percent since its inception in 2010, the organization decided earlier this year to try to address space limitations in its facility that threatened to prevent further growth and expansion. The space next to its current offices, which formerly housed Thomas & Thomas Photography, became available, and thus was born Project Pillar.

Project Pillar is Village Project's initiative to fund expansion of its headquar-

ters by leasing the adjacent office and renovating the space to meet its needs, which include:

- kitchen expansion, providing the ability to double the number of client meals, thereby serving twice as many clients;
- additional storage, enabling bulk purchases which will reduce food and packaging costs;
- volunteer training;
- client engagement;
- indoor fresh herb growing;
- community engagement, including hosting cooking classes and corporate dinners.

Project Pillar is well on its way to hitting its fundraising goal through donations and grants, and renovation of the building has been taking place this summer.

Now, Village Project would like to invite the community to take a peek at

the exciting results. On Sunday, Sept. 16, from 5-7 p.m., an open house will be held at the new and improved facility located at 27378 W. Oviatt Road in Bay Village.

The public is invited to enjoy coffee and desserts as they tour the headquarters building. Don't miss this chance to get a look-see at VP's new retail storefront that will feature some of its specialty food and gift items.

Open house attendees also will get the opportunity to leave their mark on the project. Be a "Champion of Change" – bring your spare coins and currency to help Village Project meet its \$200,000 Project Pillar expansion goal. A donation of \$10 or more awards you the opportunity to help decorate the accent wall in the activities room by illuminating



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More details about Project Pillar can be found on Village Project's website: ourvillageproject.com. ●

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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

Add years to your life

by DIANA PI, M.D.

I want to talk about ways that can add 10 years – or more – to your life expectancy. Not just any years, *active* years – physically and mentally productive ones.

But before you light an extra candle for me, I have a confession to make.

I like numbers.

Science is about hard, reproducible numbers. Yet in medicine, our numbers come from studies that are based on 5 million people – or 25. Some data, like the benefit of aspirin after heart attacks, measles and polio vaccines, and eating your

greens, are Category-5-hurricane proof; others, less so.

And the numbers present the “average Joe/Jane,” which means half of the population will do better than predicted; and the other half, worse. While we can’t predict *exactly* what would happen to you, we can come close.

Let’s talk about what we know about longevity.

When it comes to living past age 85, genetic composition contributes “less than one-third,” Dr. Thomas Perls, an aging expert said. “The vast majority of variation ... is due to our health behaviors.”

Following that, here are two

things you (or your loved ones) need to consider seriously.

First, quit smoking.

An interesting study had followed 34,439 British doctors for 50 years starting 1951. It showed quitting smoking by age 30 increased mean life expectancy by 10 years. Quitting by 65, about three years.

Some health benefits are immediate. Hours after stopping smoking, heart rate and blood pressure improve. In months, breathing improves. In a year, your heart attack risk is halved. It’s not too late.

Second, exercise.

Leisure-time physical activities can give you almost five years, according to a study by the National Institutes of Health.

The more the better?

Likely yes. Currently we

recommend 1.25 hours of intense activities (jogging, swimming) or 2.5 hours of moderate activities (walking, mowing grass) per week. Doing more may be better. But a study suggests that if you exercise more than five times the recommended amount, there may be a ceiling on benefits. But we can’t see much harm either for those who do way more than that.

Can I jog 75 minutes on Saturday morning – and be done?

Yes. In a recent British health survey, “Weekend Warriors,” those who exercise one to two sessions per week, reap similar health benefits as those who exercise regularly. Those with a history of heart disease or cancer do very well, too.

While I have *numbers* to support quitting smoking and

exercise, other health behaviors work, like getting enough sleep, managing stress, eating less red/processed meat, etc. Others, like last month’s headline “Coffee Drinkers Live Longer,” need some digging. I hope it works out; I can’t live without coffee.

Also, there are Eileen’s grandmothers.

Eileen, my swimming buddy, told me her grandmothers lived to 102 and 103. Good till their last days.

“What were they like?” I asked.

“Oh, one had a belly. They fried everything in lard.” She paused. “They were sociable, and always moving. They lifted sofas to vacuum.”

As much as I never want to find out what’s under my sofa (or behind the fridge), it’s time to change. ●

SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE HISTORY

The Wischmeyers’ backyard playground

by KAY LAUGHLIN

The Wischmeyer family that built a hotel on our lake shore at the Glen Park Creek and Lake Road really enjoyed Lake Erie. They used the lake every day for swimming, fishing and boating. They offered their summer guests rides in their motor-boat and sails on their sail boat. They took them fishing in their rowboats. They fished for food for their guests.

Above the lake on a point overlooking Glen Park Creek, they made an observation deck with benches. Guests were invited to watch the sunrise or sunset while sitting on the benches enjoying the cool lake breezes. Life was good.

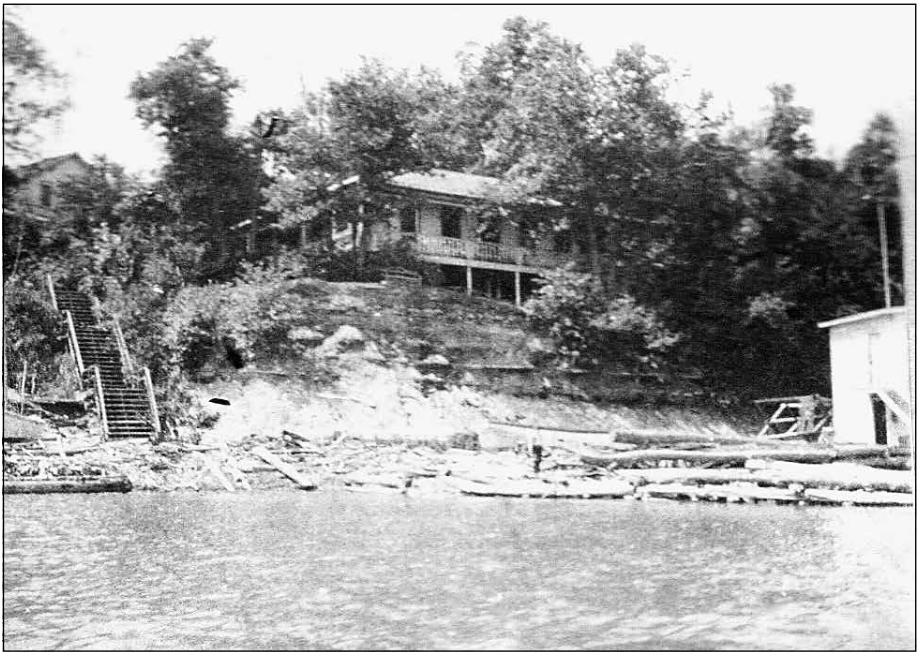
The Wischmeyer family first settled in Dover Township in 1872. They

tilled their fields and put in grape vineyards, built a wine cellar for the wine they made and sold, built a hotel for their overnight guests, a card and dance pavilion, and boat house. Then they welcomed travelers and city families to the lake for their summer vacation.

The Wischmeyer family loved to take pictures. The Osborn Learning Center has many pictures of the family enjoying the water with their guests in their backyard playground.

Here are some pictures of their beach and grounds. If you were out in a boat, and looked back at the hotel, this was the view over the years. All this is gone today.

Luckily we have pictures to show us how it was back in the day. ●



This is the oldest picture on record of the Wischmeyer beach, taken in 1902.



The Wischmeyer Hotel at Glen Park and Lake roads as it looked in its heyday.



The Wischmeyer property as it was in the 1930s and ‘40s, with a boat house, pavilion, cook house, point, waterfalls and hotel.

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THE GREEN REPORT Idle No More

by JENNIFER
HARTZELL

I have witnessed this many times: It's a beautiful, sunny, warm day and I'm waiting in my car for one of my kids to come out of school/sport/activity. I turn off my car and roll down the windows. What I hear around me is always shocking: the sound of car engines.

So many parents let their car run while picking up their children. This is a very bad habit that I suppose is culturally acceptable; to sit in your car while it's running. If each of us were to stop this habit, the quality of our air would greatly improve.

Every minute your car is idling, it is detrimental to the engine, it's detrimental to the earth, and it wastes gasoline (and money). It is estimated that in the United States, approximately 3.8 million gallons of gasoline are wasted daily by Americans voluntarily idling their car. Voluntary idling is when your car is on while not being driven. For example, leaving your car on in the driveway is voluntary idling; waiting for a light to turn green is not.

Voluntarily idling your car greatly increases the amount of exhaust in our air. Exhaust contains many harmful pollutants linked to asthma, lung diseases, heart disease, cancer and other health problems.

Think about one place that lots of people voluntarily idle their cars: schools! While parents

and caregivers pick-up/drop-off their children at school, they usually leave their car running. With so many idling cars around, the air quality around the school is low, and children are breathing that in. Moreover, sitting in an idling car releases more dirty air into the car cabin, which is what you end up breathing.

Other examples of times in which cars sit idle are: people pulling over to talk on cell phones, leaving crowded sporting events or concerts, leaving the car running at valet stands, and running the car to warm it up for a few minutes.

What can you do? If you are going to be waiting more than 10 seconds, turn off your car! Idling for 10 seconds wastes more energy than restarting the engine. You also do not need to warm up your engine in the winter; today's engines do not need to warm up. The best way to warm it up is to avoid excess engine revving after you start it; the engine warms twice as quickly while driving than idling.

You may have heard that frequent restarts of a car's engine are hard on the engine and battery. This is no longer true. Idling is actually more detrimental to the engine because it is causing it to operate longer than necessary.

For every 10 minutes you have your car turned off, you will prevent one pound of carbon monoxide from



Turn it off: Idling for 10 seconds wastes more energy than restarting the engine.

entering the environment. Carbon dioxide is the main contributor to global warming. It is estimated that on average, people voluntarily idle their cars for 5-10 minutes a day. Five minutes of idling burns between a half and a whole cup of gasoline. This can add up to as much as 10 to 20 gallons of gasoline over the course of a year! So, not only is avoiding idling better for the environment, it saves you money!

Please try to become mindful of the times in which your car is idle, and start to turn it off during those times. Becoming aware of these habits is the first step to breaking them! You're probably thinking that you, one person, will not help much – however this small action, when taken cumulatively, can prevent a large amount of carbon dioxide from being emitted into the air.

If you are picking up your child at school and notice parents idling, please make sure you let the principal know. Most schools have "No Idle Zone" signs up and sometimes parents need a friendly reminder to turn their engines off. ●

BAYarts Moondance honors Bay resident

by JESSICA
STOCKDALE

The Community of Fine Arts Show is currently displaying 100 pieces of art at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Works from 52 artists have been accepted for this juried art show, which is presented annually by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council.

The current exhibit continues through Saturday, Aug. 25, during library hours. In addition, live art demonstrations will be given in the lobby of Porter Library by artists whose works are on display. On Saturday, Aug. 11, Sean Crum will demonstrate Ink Drawing and on Saturday, Aug. 18, Ken Marshal will demonstrate Watercolor. Both programs are from 10 a.m. to noon.

The WWAC also invites the public to a Meet the Artists Reception & Awards Ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

COFA accepts art works for judging and display in the categories of: Oil/Acrylics, Watercolor, Drawing/Pen & Ink, Charcoal/Pastel, Photography and Mixed Media. The works are judged in two divisions, Amateur/Semi Professional and Professional. Recipients of first and second place in each

division and category receive cash awards and honorable mention recipients are given gift certificates.

The judges for the 2018 show are Joyce Bolte, Daniel Levin and Victoria Wagner.

Bolte, who studied under Fred Leach, a local renowned artist, has had work displayed in numerous art shows and competitions and has received many awards. Bolte, whose paintings hang in private collections throughout Ohio, Florida and Arizona, lives in Grafton, Ohio.

Levin, who is a tenured associate professor of photography at Cuyahoga Community College, has a Ph.D. in visual art from Vermont College of Fine Arts and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Levin, who lives in Cleveland Heights, has a comprehensive portfolio including numerous commissions to make portraits of well-known people including Barbara Bush, Margaret Thatcher, John Glenn and many more.

Wagner, who has painted for over 50 years in several mediums including pastel, watercolor, acrylics and oils, is a



Mary Conway Sullivan

graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art and has attended Oil Painters of America (OPA) workshops in New Mexico, Colorado and New York including two with OPA Master Painter Ron Riddick. She currently teaches classes at the Valley Arts Center in Chagrin Falls. The Oil Painters of America displayed Wagner's work in two national competitions where they were awarded Best of Show and other honors in Ohio.

The Westlake-Westshore Arts Council continues to fulfill its mission by providing programs to enhance and broaden cultural life in the community through awareness, education and involvement. With the cooperation of Porter Library, the Community of Fine Arts is free and open to all. ●

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hilliard gardens legacy

It was great to have both Jean Povinelli and Jackie Crosier in the SAME garden at the SAME time! For both of them, gardening is a labor of love.

Jackie is now part of the Westlake in Bloom judging panel and recently had the opportunity to stop and see Jean's yard. Jean and her husband, Lou, received the third place award in the "Residential Landscaping – Entire Yard, Large" category for the West-



PHOTO BY KATHY PRESLEY

Jean Povinelli, left, and Jackie Crosier, pictured in Jean's yard. Jean and her friend Mim Blair started the Hilliard Boulevard garden boxes; Jackie and her husband, Elmer, maintained them for 20 years.

lake in Bloom competition this year.

Jean and her dear friend and neighbor, Mim Blair (deceased), started the garden boxes on Hilliard Boulevard back in 1982.

They, along with their hus-

bands and children, weeded and watered them. Shortly after, Jackie and Elmer Crosier took over and cared for them for 20-plus years. In time, the gardens were turned over to the City of Westlake which now beautifully maintains them.



PHOTO BY JIM BEDELL

Jean and Lou Povinelli's yard.

This just goes to show you what a wonderful thing can become of two friends with a simple idea who are willing to put in time and effort into a passion ... or a husband and wife so dedicated to their city gardens that they were willing to care for

them over so many years.

Thank you to Jean, Mim and Jackie for the many years of beauty you have given the city of Westlake! Our city is blessed to have you.

– Kathy Presley, Westlake

Bay Kiwanis sponsors student delegates

by STAN GRISNIK

The Bay Village Kiwanis Club would like to thank their guest speakers for attending the recent club meeting. The guests were the Bay High School 2018 senior delegates to the Buckeye Girls State and Buckeye Boys State, along with their parents. The student delegates – Sophia Dasko, Katherine Baeppler, Garrett Butler, Jonah Krueger and Benjamin Noren

– were sponsored by the Bay Village American Legion and Bay Village Kiwanis Club.

The delegates provided an insightful discussion of their experiences and knowledge gained while attending the multi-day immersion into the operation of a democratic form of government. They learn about the organization of political parties and the relationship between the parties in shaping Ohio government at the local, county and

state levels. The non-partisan approach to educate our youth about the government and the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of good citizenship helps prepare them for their future leadership roles in our society.

The program is sponsored by the Ohio American Legion. The Bay Village American Legion Auxiliary unit, along with the Bay Village Kiwanis Club, assist by sponsoring the local delegates. The Boys State program has been in existence since 1936 and the Girls since 1947.

After meeting defined criteria, high school principals and guidance counselors recommend students for

the program. The chosen students are interviewed by members of the local American Legion and Kiwanis Club to determine which of the students will serve as this year's delegates. Auxiliary delegates are chosen in the event that a delegate is unable to fulfill their role at the event.

If you would like to learn more about Bay Village Kiwanis and what we do, join us for dinner most Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Bay United Methodist Church on the corner of Lake and Bassett roads. Visit bayvillagekiwanis.com for more information, or visit our Facebook page, Bay Village Kiwanis. ●



The Bay High School senior delegates to the Buckeye Girls State and Buckeye Boys State, from left: Sophia Dasko, Katherine Baeppler, Garrett Butler, Jonah Krueger and Benjamin Noren.

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Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

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- **Thursdays (10 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten)
- **Fridays (10 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** - for all ages

Wednesday, Sept. 5 (7 p.m.) MAD SCIENTISTS: BALLOON ROCKETS – (Grades K-2) Join us for a hands-on science program. Build a rocket with paper, string and balloons. Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 8 (10 a.m.) PRE-SCHOOL STEAM – (Ages 3-5) Join us for stories, songs and a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activity. Registration required.

TEEN

Wednesday, Sept. 5 (3 p.m.) TEEN ZONE – (Grades 5 & up) Hang out with something fun to do after school: gaming, art, movies, technology and more!

Thursday, Sept. 6 (3 p.m.) WRITE ON! – (Grades 5-8) Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises and activities to get your creativity flowing.

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. ●

Health fair at Porter Library

A health fair will be held at Westlake Porter Public Library on Saturday, Sept. 22, 1-4 p.m. Attend a program, visit with local organizations, and get a screening. Enter to win a free 30-day membership to the West Shore Family YMCA or a Fitbit.

Attending organizations include:

ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County, Aetna/Medicare, Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center, Connecting for Kids, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Drugless Doctors, Gathering Place, Hospice of the Western Reserve, National Alliance on Mental Illness,

University Hospitals St. John Medical Center Community Outreach, West Shore Family YMCA, and Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging.

Screenings include:

Blood pressure, hearing, stroke risk assessment and vision.

Sign up early to reserve your spot in these health programs: Yoga with Inner Bliss Yoga Studio, Healthy Living for Brain and Body (Alzheimer's Association), and What is Functional Medicine (Dr. Emily Brawner).

For more information, call the library at 440-871-2600. Looking forward to seeing you there. ●

Student from Westlake receives Tri-C honors fellowship

by JOHN HORTON

Jade Hawk of Westlake has been selected for a Cuyahoga Community College Honors Program Fellowship, which offers high-achieving students scholarships to cover tuition, fees and books as they work toward an associate degree.

Hawk signed a commitment letter with the College during an Aug. 8 ceremony at Tri-C's Jerry Sue Thornton Center in Cleveland. The scholarship – funded by the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation — is valued at up to \$4,838 per academic year.

Tri-C's fifth Honors Program Fellowship class includes 46 students who graduated high school with at least a 3.5 GPA and exceptional ACT/SAT scores. By entering the scholarship program, they commit to being full-time students and earning a degree from Tri-C within two years.

This is the largest fellowship class since Tri-C began the scholarship pro-

gram. The previous high was 29 students in 2015.

“These gifted students see the wisdom in beginning their college journey at Tri-C,” said Herbert Mausser, assistant dean of Honors and Experiential Learning Programs. “It's the smart choice for a quality education.”

The honors fellowship places special emphasis on academic planning, mentoring and portfolio building to reflect student work. Smaller honors class sizes also ensure specialized attention for students.

The program is designed to support eventual transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's and other advanced degrees. Previous Honors Program Fellows amassed numerous academic honors on their way to earning associate degrees from the College.

For information on the Honors Program Fellowship and eligibility requirements, contact Mausser at 216-987-4660 or herbert.mausser@tri-c.edu. ●

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesday, Aug. 22 (10-11:30 a.m.) INTRODUCTION TO STREAMING MUSIC – This class will give an overview of both free library streaming services as well as services such as Pandora and Spotify. Learn what might work best for you, and how to use these services on your computer or mobile devices. If bringing your device, bring all account passwords. Please register.

Wednesdays, Aug. 22 and 29 (10:15 & 11 a.m.) LET'S SING AND DANCE! – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket.

Wednesday, Aug. 22 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – The August selection is “The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane” by Lisa See.

Wednesday, Aug. 22 (3:45-5 p.m.) TWEEN SCENE (BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION) – Celebrate your first day back to school! Play video or board games, or just relax with your friends. Snacks will be provided. Grades 5-6.

Thursdays, Aug. 23 and 30 (4-5 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.

Friday, Aug. 24 (10 a.m.-noon) FIBER FANATICS – A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems, and show off.

Friday, Aug. 24 (3:30-4:15 p.m.) FUN SCIENCE FRIDAY: FABULOUS FISH – Join Mrs. K as we explore the wonders of our world. We'll learn what makes fish so special, fins and scales included. Discoveries will be made through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home project. Ages 4-6. Registration begins Aug. 17.

Saturday, Aug. 25 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) FAMILY FUN CRAFT DAY – It's National Family Fun Month! Stop by and celebrate in the Youth Services Department with family friendly crafts.

Saturday, Aug. 25 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) POKEMON FUN! – A fun morning of Pokemon-themed play, prizes and crafts! Ages 6-11.

Saturday, Aug. 25 (2-3:30 p.m.) MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION – Please join the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council and greet the artists from the annual juried arts show.

Saturdays, Aug. 25 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS – Love those bricks? Bring your ideas and imagination! Lego and Duplo bricks provided. For ages 3-12.

Sunday, Aug. 26 (2-4 p.m.) CHESS CLUB – Hone your chess skills or learn how to play the game. Recommended for ages 6+, but all ages are welcome. If you have a chess set, please bring it with you.

Monday, Aug. 27 (4-5 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 3-8.

Tuesday, Aug. 28 (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.

Wednesday, Aug. 29 (10-11 a.m.) DISCOVER EBOOKS WITH OVERDRIVE – Yes, the library has free eBooks! Come learn how to check out eBooks and eAudiobooks using Overdrive and its free app, Libby. Please register.

Tuesday, Aug. 29 (7-7:30 p.m.) BEDTIME STORIES – Put on your pajamas and join Mrs. K. as we unwind at the end of the day with stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities. This month: A Firefly Night. Ages 4-6. Siblings welcome.

Thursday, Aug. 30 (7-8:30 p.m.) CONNECTIONS FROM THE HEREAFTER – Join us for an evening with local authors Jacqueline Davieau and Todd Schelat for a comforting presentation on life after death, and how our loved ones give us signals on a daily basis to reassure us that we are never alone. Jacqueline and Todd will conclude their presentation with a book signing. Copies of their book will be available for purchase. Please register.

Friday, Aug. 31 (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!

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

Porter Library honored with Parent Choice Award

Westlake Porter Public Library was voted best library in Northeast Ohio Parent Magazine's annual Parent Choice Awards poll. Readers cited the library's “unique programming for kids” (including the Little PIM language learning service and New Readers Club) and “packed calendar” as reasons for their votes. WPPL tied with Cuyahoga Falls Library in the poll.

“Our staff works very hard to offer the materials, programming and services

our community wants and needs,” said Library Director Andrew Mangels. “Their votes in this poll are an indication that our efforts have been noticed, and we are grateful for this honor.”

Westlake Porter Public Library was established in 1884 through a bequest by Leonard Porter, and has been operating continuously since. For more information about the variety of materials, programs and services the library offers, visit westlakelibrary.org. ●

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Tuesday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.
WESTLAKE DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETING
The speaker will be Ohio State Senator Mike Skindell. Ohio State Senator, Mike Skindell. If you wish, bring a snack to share. Beverages provided. Contact Vern at 440-289-6291 or email coachvlong@gmail.com.
Western Cuyahoga Lodge, FOP Hall #25, 26145 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Thursday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
PROPERTY VALUATIONS MEETING
Cuyahoga County property owners with questions on their 2018 property valuations can meet with representatives of the county Board of Revision. No value decisions will be made at this meeting. Those who may want to appeal their valuations can learn about their options, deadlines, and required documents at <https://fiscalofficer.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/ComplaintLogin.aspx> or by calling 216-443-4663.
Rocky River Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.

Thursday, Aug. 23, 1-5 p.m.
FREE VASCULAR SCREENING EVENT
If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, find out your risk of peripheral artery disease

at our free screening event: Are you 50 years of age or older? Do you have diabetes? Have you ever smoked? Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol? Reservations are limited and preregistration is preferred. Call 1-800-883-3675 to schedule.
UH St. John Medical Center, 29000 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Thursday, Aug. 23, 7-8:30 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE CREEK CLEANUP
Join the Bay Village Green Team in cleaning up Cahoon Creek. Garbage bags and recycling bags will be provided. Dress appropriately. Please bring any gloves or tools you wish to use. For the adults joining, we will be meeting at Ironwood after for drinks.
Cahoon Memorial Park, Bay Village

Friday, Aug. 24, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
216 Bistro and Sweet! The Mobile Cupcakery 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.

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 6:45-9:30 p.m.
FIGHTING BACK: CONTESTING EXCESSIVE HOME VALUATIONS AND TAXES
Speakers will provide practical advice on how to fight back against the excessive home valuations in Cuyahoga County. We will explain how to contest the appraisals at the county level. David Harbarger, chair of the Ohio State Board of Tax Appeals, will explain the appeals process should the county auditor deny a reduction. Free pizza, snacks and beverages provided by AFP.
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Friday, Aug. 31, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
Off the Griddle and East Coast Custard 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.

Saturday, Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m.
CELEBRATE WESTLAKE
This annual fundraiser features a 5-mile run, 5K run, and 5K walk. Race-day registration begins at 7:15 a.m. The 5-mile run officially

begins at 8:30 a.m., while the 5K run & 5K walk will kick off at 8:45 a.m. Both events will start and finish on Center Ridge Road, just north of the medical center. The event also includes a half-mile and 1-mile kids fun dash, and a health and fitness expo. See details at celebratewestlake.org.
UH St. John Medical Center, 29000 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1-2:30 p.m.
FREE FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE
Members of Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will offer free family history research assistance to the public. If you have data recorded to pedigree and/or family group sheets, please bring these forms with you, to help volunteers help you. For additional information, visit cwcogs.org or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com.
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