

## Bay Village Education Foundation awards \$10,826 in classroom grants

by KAREN DERBY

The Bay Village Education Foundation has awarded \$10,826 in nine classroom grants to enrich educational experiences for Bay Village Schools students.

Anne Ashley, Bay High social studies instructor, will use \$1,570 to send two students to the National Leadership Conference held at Camp Miniwanca in Shelby, Michigan, through the American Youth Federation.

Bay High English teacher Bea Bishop,

principal Jason Martin and library media specialist Melissa Wolf teamed up to win \$1,596 for four televisions with Chromecast technology to mount on the school's library walls for student collaborative project work.

Bay High science teacher Michael Clifford will use \$1,500 to enter a student team into the Buckeye Regional FIRST Robotics Competition.

Bay High newspaper advisor and English teacher Heather Fanter was awarded \$500 to purchase a camera for newspaper photographers to use.

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PHOTO BY KAREN DERBY

Pictured left-to-right: seated, Colin Lackey, Camille Sheehan, BVEF grant chair Ellie Bricmont, Matt Kralik; back row, Michael Clifford, Colleen DiLallo, Melissa Wolf, Megan Basel, Heather Fanter, Bea Bishop and Anne Ashley. Not pictured are grant winners Patrick Barrett, Eric Caddey, Theresa Flamos, Jason Martin, Amanda McLin, Paula Michaud, Lauren Stanislaw, Kristi Stannert and Elizabeth Tehran.

## Dedication to boating rewarded BHS grad Nate Cullinan inducted into Spirit of America National Youth Boating Hall of Fame

by GEORGE CHRIST

On Sept. 24, the Spirit of America Foundation announced the establishment of the first National Youth Boating Hall of Fame and Nate Cullinan from Bay Village was selected as one of four inductees.

In the 24 years of the Spirit of America Foundation's existence, this new national honor has been presented to the first four young nominees for their truly inspiring dedication to boating and water safety education and the manner in which they have gone

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Nate Cullinan, pictured here in 2015 as a Sea Scout Ship 41 member.

## Nature's palette of colors



PHOTO BY CAROL MAAT

Nature's beautiful spectrum of fall colors are on full display in a photo taken by Westlake resident Carol Maat at Bradley Nature Park. The area's wet summer is producing the long-lasting color, stretching the seasonal show into November.

## Reforesting the Forest City: Learn about Cleveland's tree plan

by CATHLEEN SAMIEC

Did you know that Cleveland used to be known as the "Forest City?"

This was because our city promoted reforestation efforts, improving our urban landscape and tree canopy (the layer of leaves, branches and stems of trees that cover the ground when viewed from above), earning Cleveland the nickname.

But since the 1950s, the city has lost nearly half our street trees. The tree canopy stands at just

19 percent, putting us behind cities such as Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Boston and even New York, some of whose canopies are almost double ours.

Removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, improving public health, increasing real estate value, sustaining wildlife ... these are just a few of the reasons why we should care about Cleveland's tree canopies. Our urban forests affects our



health, prosperity and the overall quality of our lives.

Today our challenge is to return the canopy of trees to that of the past.

The Cleveland's planning commission adopted a 25-year-old plan to halt the rapid shrinkage of the city's tree canopy and increase growth.

Through collaboration with groups such as LAND Studio and Western Reserve Land Conservancy, among others, there

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is tremendous hope to reforest the Forest City.

To learn more about the The Cleveland Tree Coalition and the 25-year Cleveland Tree Plan, join us at Westlake Porter Public Library on Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Dover Room.

Sandra Albro from the Holden Arboretum and Cathi Lehn from the city of Cleveland's Office of Sustainability will be here to discuss the collaborative efforts to create a greener future for our city.

This program is sponsored by the Westlake Garden Club. Please register by calling 440-871-2600 or visiting westlakelibrary.evanced.info. ●

## SPORTING VIEWS

# Lue: too few; Hue: overdue

by JEFF BING

When we last sat down and discussed the status of Cleveland sports, I expounded on how the Browns had won back the hearts of Cleveland sports fans and how exciting the Browns were. I also suggested that it would be quite some time before the Cavs were relevant again and to get ready for a prolonged stretch of losing.

Well, at least I was right about the Cavs. Hey, nobody's perfect. Besides, 50 percent accuracy ain't bad. Heck, it's almost half.

My initial reaction to the sudden dismissal of Cavs coach Ty Lue was quite a shock. I mean, Lue spent the last three years as LeBron's assistant only to get canned a scant number of games into the season?

Jeez, this was the one opportunity to see how Tyrone Lue could coach "his own" team without looking over his shoulder for his primary boss: LeBron James. Apparently he did forget about his second-

ary (elevated to primary once LeBron took a non-stop to L.A.) coach, owner Dan Gilbert.

See, Mr. Gilbert is an impatient man and doesn't tolerate losing. Nope, he won't stand for it. Which is kinda funny, considering that the Cavaliers, sans LeBron, while under Gilbert's ownership have been a perennial lottery team.

My guess is that he might not see that stat in the same comedic light that I do, but, as intellectual scribes (such as myself) like to say, "It is what it is." (Contemplate *that* for a moment if you will).

While we're on the subject of idiotic owners, take Browns owner Jimmy ("I-told-you-I-wouldn't-blow-it-up") Haslam. Haslam, who burns through coaches at about the same rate I burn through blood pressure and cholesterol meds, tried so hard to show the world that he wasn't an impulsive dope by hanging on to an inept 3-36-1 coach way too long, instead showed that he's simply a *stub-born* dope by remaining active in the front office dealing with

the Browns.

When is the guy going to do the math and realize that his meddling is why the Browns – in spite of a huge talent upgrade by (an actually competent) GM John Dorsey – are still like that frustrated little hamster on the running wheel, wondering when that infernal spinning is ever going to stop!

In the press conference announcing the firing of Hue Jackson, Jimmy said all the same old stuff that's been said at most of his other regime changes. But the biggest cause for alarm is when he maintains he will continue to have equal input within the brain trust that is comprised of himself, the head coach and the GM.

You know that old saying about a chain being only as strong as its weakest link, right? Well, right now the "Jimmy link" has transformed that supposed Browns "triad of wisdom" into something that is commonly associated with something completely different yet very appropriate ...

The Bermuda Triangle. ●

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above and beyond to share their knowledge with others at such a young age.

The Spirit of America Foundation instills confidence and fosters the spirit of teamwork in our nation's youth, including developing self-esteem while nurturing responsible behavior and positive, lifelong ambitions. Hall of Fame inductees epitomize the meaning of our mission: "We shall teach the way our children learn."

In seventh grade, Nate completed the Spirit of America Youth Boating Course in 2009, sponsored by the Bay Village School District. He came into the class as a very good sailor and was very good in all areas of the curriculum. Nate continued to serve as a student helper in grades 8-12 as a student in the Bay Village Schools. Nate was always there to get boats ready, install mast floats on sailboats, and prepare boats for winter storage. His senior year he was hired by the maintenance company at Whiskey Island Marina to help with boat maintenance for the summer.

During his high school years he was involved in Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2013. He attended Sea Base in the Bahamas sailing for a week in the Abacos. Another year, he attended Sea Base in Florida Scuba Diving in the Keys. In addition to Boy Scouts, Nate was very active in Sea Scout Ship 41. He reached the highest rank in Sea Scouts of Quarter Master, which is like Eagle Scout in BSA. He was selected with another Sea Scout to represent the Northern Ohio area to compete in the Koch Cup International Regatta in Newport, California, and placed in the

Kiwi Division.

Nate worked with intercity youth who had never sailed before as a chap-erone with Project YESS, a maritime leadership experience, sponsored by the Cleveland Rotary Club on the tall ship Dennis Sullivan.

Nate graduated from Bay High School in 2015. In 2016, he graduated from two programs at the International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS) in Newport, Rhode Island. His degrees are in Composite Technology and Marine Systems.

Upon completion of the programs at IYRS, he interned at Hall Spars in Bristol, Rhode Island, building spars along with parts for SpaceX and Boeing, and also C&C Fiberglass where he worked on the new J-Boat J/121. He built the production hull and deck molds and also infused hulls.

He is currently employed by R&W Rope and Rigging Solutions as a marine rigger working on masts, standing and running rigging, along with sail control systems on a variety of vessels from dinghies to yachts. Splicing is an important part of rigging. Nate can splice anything from marine line to stainless wire for traditional standing rigging as well as for other professions.

Nate has impacted many students as a volunteer while in high school. He is a great example to fellow students in the Sea Scout Program. He has made the marine trades his life work as he graduated from IYRS and continues to work in the marine industry. Nathan Cullinan is a positive example of the impact that the Spirit of America curriculum and program can have on young people.

Nate is the son of Tim and Heidi Cullinan of Bay Village and he currently resides in Rhode Island. ●

# BVEF GRANTS

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Megan Basel, a school counselor, was awarded \$1,886 to attend training in order to present and become a coach for ROX (Ruling Our eXperiences), a program that equips sixth-grade girls with the knowledge and skills necessary to live healthy, independent, productive and violence-free lives.

A Bay Middle School team of educators including Patrick Barrett, Colleen DiLallo, Theresa Flamos, Paula Michaud, Lauren Stanislaw, Kristi Stannert and Elizabeth Tehran will use \$1,080 for 12 Wobble stools to help students who need to wiggle in order to focus.

Mindfulness meditation and mental well-being is the focus of a grant submitted by Matt Kralik, Bay Middle School social studies teacher. Five MUSE meditation assistants will be purchased with the \$1,095 award to give biofeedback to students as they learn to quiet their minds.

Special needs students in Collin Lackey's eighth-grade classes will benefit from more flexible seating thanks to a \$1,442 grant awarded to him for standing desks, Wobble chairs and Vidget seats.

Bay Middle School science teachers Eric Caddey, Amanda McLin and Camille Sheehan will purchase three digital microscopes with their award of \$1,671 to allow the teachers to model how to manipulate the microscope using the digital live image display on a large screen.

The Bay Village Education Foundation funds grants to enrich classroom education in the Bay Village City School District. Learn more about them at bayedfoundation.org. ●

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**WESTLAKE-WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL**

# FYI Opera hits a high note

by JEANINE SURACE

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council hosted its semi-annual FYI Opera event at Westlake Porter Public Library. Tony Chow, opera coach and accompanist of Oberlin Conservatory of Music, presented opera students Diane Schwann, Magdalena Kuzma and Dae Won Seo. Ms. Schwann and Ms. Kuzma are sopranos; Mr.

Dae Won Seo is a baritone. The three promising singers performed arias from "La Boheme," other operas and songs from the Broadway show "Wonderful Town." Always a crowd-pleaser among Porter Library patrons, the FYI Opera series has been presented by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council, a 501(c)(3) organization founded 34 years ago to promote arts and culture on the west side of Cuyahoga

County. All of W-WAC's programs, including FYI Opera, are free and open to the public. The Westlake-Westshore Arts Council meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library. W-WAC membership is 250 members strong, however, new members are always welcome. For more information on membership and programs, visit w-wac.org or call 440-250-5565. ●



PHOTO BY ROBERT PEARL

Tony Chow, opera coach and accompanist of Oberlin Conservatory of Music, with opera students Diane Schwann, Magdalena Kuzma and Dae Won Seo.

# BAYarts expands holiday offerings

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

The BAYarts holiday season kicks off on Nov. 17 and 18 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) for the Holiday Shop open house weekend. This is the first chance the public gets to see the expanded shop decorated and new merchandise. Coffee, hot chocolate and homemade bakery items will be offered in the Fuller House, with the addition of a photo wall with props.

For those who can't make those November dates, the entire shop is open through Christmas. And on Thursday, Dec. 6, the annual Holiday Trunk Show will take place from 6-9 p.m. Featured that night will be colorful hand-sewn pillows, purses, bags and creatures; beach glass jewelry; and hand-painted wooden signs. "Offering people a chance to support buying from local artisans is important to our

mission statement," says BAYarts shop manager Linda Goik. "Every year it just gets better and better as we think up new decor ideas and find new Cleveland vendors. If you're looking for items that feature Cleveland and the local suburbs, we'll have that as coasters, mugs, shirts and ornaments. It is always popular." Following that on Saturday, Dec. 8, is "Winter Wonderland: Murder Mystery" from 7-10 p.m. Local actors


are involved and a holiday sing-along will take place. More entertainment will be shown when the Bay Village Community Players present a free staged reading of Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol." Wrapping this all up is the Kids Shopping Day on Sunday, Dec. 16, noon-5 p.m., which includes a free personal shopper and free gift wrapping that kids get to customize. Please see our ad in the Observer for a convenient reminder. BAYarts can be reached at 440-871-6543 and bayarts.net. ●




Sidney Heaton helps young shoppers at last year's Kids Shopping Day.

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DIGGING DOVER

# With Landmark closing, Westlake loses another link to farming roots

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

With the recent closing of the Landmark Lawn & Garden Supply at 677 Dover Center Road, another link to Westlake's agricultural past is gone. Landmark was a lawn, garden and pet supply business that had served the area for over 75 years. This family-owned operation also delivered bulk landscape supplies for do-it-yourself projects. Landmark Lawn & Garden Supply was located on Dover Center Road, right next to the railroad tracks.

Before it was known as Cuyahoga Landmark Inc., it was the Dover location of the Cuyahoga Farm Bureau Co-Op Association Inc. According to Case Western Reserve University's Encyclopedia of Cleveland History, the Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau was organized in 1915 to provide farmers in the county with a vehicle for collective action in representing, promoting and protecting farm interests.

Dover resident George Cooley led the effort to organize a farm bureau program in Cuyahoga County. Once established, the bureau quickly formed a close working relationship with the County Extension Service.

In 1919 the Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau was a leader in promoting the establishment of the Ohio Farm Bureau which incorporated in 1932. In 1934 it organized the Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau Cooperative Service Association as a farm supply organization and purchased property in Strongsville for a

sales outlet.

By 1947 the Bureau and the Cooperative split with the Cooperative incorporating as a separate organization. With the increased suburbanization of Cuyahoga County after WWII, the importance of the Farm Bureau declined, today it functions mainly to organize and operate the annual Cuyahoga County Fair.

The former location of the Cooperative in Strongsville is most likely the location of the Landmark store in Strongsville which, along with a location in Avon, is still open.

Westlake's former Landmark location began as a coal and feed supply business started by second-generation Dover resident Hugh Pease in about 1915. Hugh's father, Calvin, had built and operated a store at Dover Center and Center Ridge roads. Before Hugh opened the coal and feed supply business he operated a basket factory on the Bay Village side of the railroad tracks. Hugh's nephew, Russell B. Pease, managed the coal and feed business.

When Hugh died in 1943, Russell was the executor of his estate and in 1944 sold the property to the Cuyahoga Farm Bureau Cooperative Association Inc. During the 1950s and 1960s Russell was known to many Westlake families as the custodian of Dover Elementary School who lavished special care on the shrubbery, according to Bill Robishaw's book, "You've Come a Long Way Westlake."

The Robishaw book also includes a 1982 interview with Lee Burneson, the superintendent of Dover/

Westlake schools from 1924 to 1963, which makes it easy to date the existing Landmark building. Mr. Burneson started with the schools in the Fall of 1921 and to earn extra money over the summer of 1923 he helped the Peases build the Landmark building (or at least a portion of it).

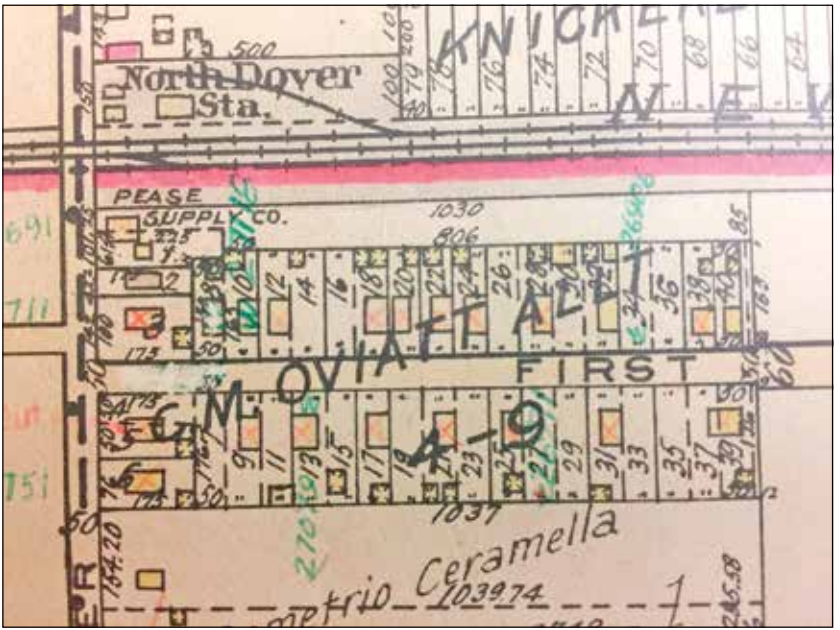
Russell Pease was also the father of two exceptional athletes: Robert and Jane Pease. Jane Pease went on to become the first woman in Fenn College's Physical Education Department in 1944 and when Fenn College became the nucleus for Cleveland State University she became an associate professor of Health and Physical Education until her retirement in 1982.

Thanks to the generosity of Christine Kitchens and the efforts of Jan Schmitt, the Westlake Historical Society has recently acquired a suite of Victorian-era furniture from the Pease family which is on display at the Clague Museum. ●



PHOTO BY WILL KRAUSE

The existing Landmark store, which recently closed. The location next to the railroad tracks was important for deliveries when this was a coal and feed supply business.



This 1927 Hopkins Plat Book map shows the location of the Pease Supply Company which later became the Landmark Lawn & Garden Supply location at 677 Dover Center Road. The North Dover Train Station was located where the CVS drive-thru is currently located on the other side of the tracks.



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

The North Dover Train Station, located just across the tracks, supplied coal and feed for the business that became Landmark. The station was moved to the BAYarts campus and is now the home to Vento La Trattoria & Wine Bar.



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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

# One man’s journey to sobriety

by DIANA PI, M.D.

He wants to be referred to as a member of AA.

At 49, he sports a Paul Bunyan beard. He has blue eyes, is calm and kind. He tells a story how years ago, he drove out of his driveway and woke up a killer.

He first got drunk at 13, typical of most alcoholics he knows.

In high school, he drank on weekends. At 18, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. In Desert Storm, he worked two days on, two days off and every other

weekend. The off-days were one big party.

He never thought he was an alcoholic because others drank too. Never had a DUI, arrest, hospitalization; his worst withdrawal was shakes. He could down 18 beers, show up for duty, and “do what we do.” Always early for work; being late makes him anxious.

Over a long weekend, he returned home to Cleveland.

He and a friend started the journey with a six-pack in the car. Once home, he drank more with his father, and the

next day. His dad asked him to get something from the store. He drove, blacked out. His dad’s Lincoln Town Car plowed into a bus stop, killing a 15-month-old girl and injuring three others. He was 23.

Prison – like a monastery – allowed him to “work on himself.”

His lawyer said, “Join AA, it looks better for early release.”

He did. But at first he told his sponsor he didn’t belong there.

“Come anyway.”

He did. Only when he heard the phrase “God-shaped hole,” an empty feeling, did he realize he was an alcoholic. His addiction is also about fear: fear of rejection, of being somebody he’s not, of wanting to be better than he is.

He read exhaustively about

alcoholism and Alcoholics Anonymous.

For the first five years, he “lived” with the lost child, waking up thinking how old she’d be today, if she were alive. What would she be doing? He found forgiveness in religion. He learned to let go of what he couldn’t control, and with it, the waves of depression.

After seven years, one month and four days, he was released.

Despite access to alcohol in and out of prison, he’s been sober.

A fellow he met in AA, who no longer attends, called him every few months, drunk, crying. “How do you do it?”

He lives simply.

For the past 18 years, he’s worked at the same warehouse, driving a forklift. He bikes or

walks the two miles to work because he doesn’t have a driver’s license.

He doesn’t dwell on negative things.

He doesn’t blame PTSD, alcohol or himself. Every day’s a good day. Whatever happens, he tells himself, it could be worse.

He refuses all alcohol substitutes.

When he found himself drinking pots of dark coffee when stressed, he quit all caffeinated drinks.

He tries to help others, as much as he can, by telling and retelling his story. But sobriety is more than AA, religion, hitting bottom, willpower.

Lyrics from Kansas’ song “Carry On Wayward Son” say it best – “And if I claim to be a wise man, it surely means that I don’t know.” ●

## Bay veterans to be honored with wall of plaques

by FRED GREEN

Bay Village and Westshore veterans organizations (VFW Post 9693, American Legion Post 385 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 249), combined with support from the City of Bay Village, The Bay Village Foundation, and the Bay Village Kiwanis, have joined to establish an ongoing tribute to Bay Village area veterans and established members of the three local veterans organizations.

A Veterans Honor Wall will be dedicated on Saturday, Nov. 10, 11:00 a.m., at the Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane. Bay Village veterans and residents are invited to attend.

The Honor Wall will consist of a central tribute site and adjacent wall space with plaques bearing names of deceased members and local veterans. The initial dedication will just be the start to establish the Honor Wall.

Biannual updates will be made with appropriate honors to add to or modify and improve the site. The efforts to organize plans and support have taken time but it has resulted in a structured process

to maintain and preserve this honorable tribute to our many veterans that served their country and returned to continue to serve their community and build their lives and families that have become the backbone of our city, county, state and country.

Work is in progress to identify information and search for additional eligible names. This includes researching of organizational records and city historical records. A database is being developed to gather information on each person. Service information, awards, etc., will be used but no personal data such as address, Social Security number, or service number information will be included. The initial data will be presented in hard copy and will be updated periodically by the joint veterans committee assigned to maintain and expand the information and plaques into the future. Plans are to move this information to an actual database. This will present an opportunity in the future to include a few photos of each veteran honored and copies of key records.

This Honor Wall will include resi-

dents from all over the Westshore and the country for those members of the Bay Village veterans organizations. Many of these members are from Westlake, Avon, Rocky River, and other surrounding communities. Updates to the Honor Wall will occur near Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year. Dates and times will be published in advance and appropriate ceremonies will be held.

The main tribute area will consist of two VFW plaques, two American Legion plaques and one VVA plaque, along with suitable decorations. The two plaques of VFW members already exist and will be the core of the initial dedication. Two American Legion plaques are in process but may not be received by Nov. 10. If not received in time, the Legion and VVA plaques will be dedicated in May near Memorial Day.

After the central tribute area, all additional plaques will be generic and include any eligible names no matter what organization or date of death. All information will be contained in the data listing and each plaque will be identified by a number for reference to locate a name of

a relative or friend. These plaques will be mounted on adjacent wall space in the Dwyer Senior Center.

If you have information regarding a local Bay veteran or member of either Bay post and wish to contact the Honor Wall Committee, you can send the information to either of the following addresses: Veterans Honor Wall, VFW Post 9693, P.O. Box 40185, Bay Village, Ohio 44140; or Veterans Honor Wall, American Legion Post 385, 695 Cahoon Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145. The information or question will be referred to the committee for review and validation.

If you cannot join in the dedication, please consider a trip to the Dwyer Senior Center soon to visit the Veterans Honor Wall, sign our visitation book, and note the many great opportunities offered by the Senior Center for our community. Please support any local veterans event and honor the many that have served and returned to continue to serve.

For American Legion Commander Stan Zeager, VVA Representative Geoff Kedzierski and myself, thank you and God bless America. ●

## Discover one of Cleveland's finest hidden gems

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

Join the Bay Village Historical Society in discovering one of Cleveland’s finest hidden gems, the Dittrick Medical History Museum.

The museum opened as the Allen Memorial Medical Library in 1926 and is now on the National Register of Historic Places. While it began as both a medical library and museum, it is

now an interdisciplinary studies center of the College of Arts and Science of Case Western Reserve University. The Dittrick Medical History Museum holds one of the most comprehensive collections of surgical instruments and medical equipment in America. Its holdings include an immense variety of artifacts, rare books, archives and images.

Jennifer Kane Nieves, interim director of the museum,

will talk about the history of the museum, its legacy and its importance to the present medical world at the Nov. 15 Bay Village Historical Society potluck dinner and program, held at the Bay Community House. A social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. Admission is free for Bay Historical Society members. A \$5 donation is requested of non-members. Membership

is encouraged and the annual fee is only \$20.

The Bay Historical Society will provide the evening’s main dish. Guests with a last name beginning with the letters A to L are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert for 10. Those with a last name beginning with the letters M to Z are asked to bring a side dish. Everyone is asked to provide their own place setting. If you plan to attend, RSVP to

Beth Conroy at 440-821-4427 or email beth2335@yahoo.com by Nov. 8.

The next potluck program will be Feb. 21, 2019, when Doug Kusak, Cleveland Metroparks Historical Interpreter, will enlighten attendees with glorious stories from Cleveland’s past and The Great Lakes Exposition of 1936. Find out what past Clevelanders envisioned future Cleveland to be. ●

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SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE HISTORY

# Finding the 'stuff' of my life

by KAY LAUGHLIN

I am moving. I'm selling my house after living in it 48 years. I'm cleaning out my life. When I found this house at 26758 Russell Road, in the horseshoe, I was home. It was perfect.

Over the years I have kept too many things, "my stuff," I call it. So I am leafing through my stuff and I come across a mimeographed copy of the words and music for the Bay High Fight Song from 1946. Then I open some more music and see it is the World War II black music with the white lettering. During WWII, this was the only thing you could buy.

My family was very music oriented. My grandfather bought my mother a baby grand piano for her 14th birthday and it sat in the living room of our house. She could play anything in the popular music genre. My sisters, Barb and Gay, and I took lessons from a lady, Miss Quinn, at Cook and Detroit roads in Lakewood. Barb could really play the piano. She went to Chicago one summer to take lessons under Dr. Rudolph Ganz at the Chicago Conservatory of Music. I still have all of her classical music books plus a few John Thompsons.

Then came the 78 and 45 records. "Tell Me Why," "Cry," "Garden In The Rain," "How High The Moon" and much more. On the 45s, The Pretenders, Michael Jackson, etc. Every song reminds me of a time in my life. It's been a good look back.

Well, like I said, I have lots of "stuff." Gay and I used to keep scrapbooks of movie star pictures. Found them again. Then my paper dolls and "Tilly the Toiler" from the Plain Dealer in the 1950s. I will have a great sale in December. I looked at every item in my stuff. I kept some and let some go to the sale. Sometimes it made me sad but I had to do it since I am downsizing.

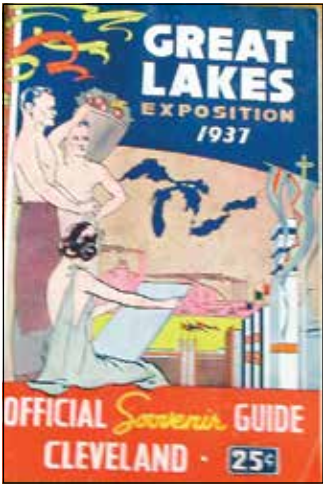
My dad saved everything, not just the family

stuff. I found great treasures. How many of you still have an Indians program from the 1948 World Series? The game Gene Bearden pitched, Dad scored it. A 1920 newspaper that has the headline "Ray Chapman Is Dead" and the program from the last full game Ray Chapman played in, which Dad scored, the day before Chapman was hit in the head by a baseball and died 12 hours later.

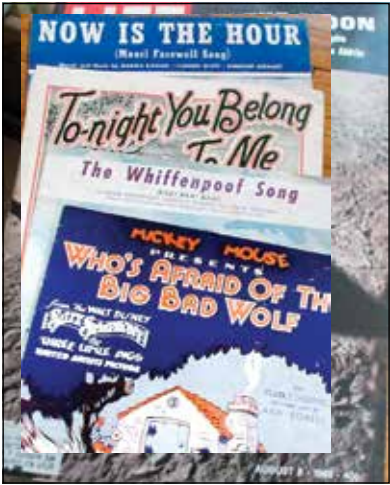


Movietone records of Shirley Temple songs.

The 1954 program from the Cleveland Browns Championship game against Detroit. Wooden tennis rackets and golf clubs. Who knew what a Niblet was? The football my Dad used when he played for the East Tech High School football team in 1917. Newspapers and Life magazines that feature John Glenn circling the moon and Neil Armstrong landing on the moon. Ohio State football programs from 1920s. A schedule for the Cleveland Barons in the 1950s. Tons of sheet music and Photoplays and Modern Screens. The Bay High Rockets programs from the 1950s and an invitation to the Lakewood Country Club for a dinner of celebration after the 1954 football team won the



Great Lakes Exposition souvenir guide.



A Life magazine from Aug. 8, 1969, about the moon landing.



A copy of The Cleveland Press from Aug. 17, 1929, announcing that Indians shortstop Ray Chapman had died of his injury after being hit in the head by a pitched baseball.

championship.

What to do with all my family pictures? I shredded some, so they wouldn't be flying around a landfill somewhere. I kept some. So I am very busy. If I miss a week you all will know why. This was one of the hardest things I've ever done in my life.

I've found three more "Snippet" column stories in the new "stuff" I've found. ●

## Troop 41 awards four Eagle Scouts

by PATTY CURRY

Scout Troop 41 of Bay Village held a ceremony on Oct. 28 at Bay Middle School to honor four Scouts who recently earned the Eagle Scout rank. The four recipients were Dylan Gubanyar, Matthew Hengelsberg, Max Schell and Sam Warren.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest achieved rank in Scouting. In order to reach this rank, each Scout earned a minimum of 21 merit badges, demonstrated leadership and service within the troop, and

designed and implemented a local service project, also known as their Eagle Project.

For his project, Dylan refurbished the storage and recreation areas for the youth at Lakewood Presbyterian Church. Matthew renovated the garden spaces and refurbished a bench for Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church. Max designed and built an oversized bench and table using recycled materials for the White Star Quarry diving area. And Sam collected donations and sent care packages to

service members through Operation Buckeye.

Several distinguished guests were present at the ceremony, including VFW Post 9693 Commander Fred Green, American Legion Post 385 Commander Stanley Zeager and Past Commander James Potter, State Senator Matt Dolan, State Representative David Greenspan, Cuyahoga County Councilmember Nan Baker, and Bay Village Mayor Paul Koomar. They each presented a commendation to recognize the achievement of the Scouts.

Only 4 percent of scouts finish all of the requirements to become an Eagle. Congratulations to each new Eagle and his family for this fantastic achievement. ●



Troop 41 Eagle Scouts Sam Warren, Matthew Hengelsberg, Dylan Gubanyar and Max Schell.

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# Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

**Wednesdays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21 (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.

**Wednesdays, Nov. 7 and 14 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, November 8 and 15 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS** – Stop by Youth Services to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 8 (2-3:30 p.m.) GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION PROGRAM ON WORLD AFFAIRS** – Discuss critical global issues facing America today. At the beginning of each month a copy of the article may be picked up at the Ask Us Desk. Please read prior to the meeting. Please register.

**Thursdays, Nov. 8 and 15 (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.

**Thursday, Nov. 8 (7-8 p.m.) VIBRANT WIND DANCERS PRESENT: MIDDLE EASTERN MONTAGE** – Celebrate the mystic sounds of the Middle East with all Middle Eastern style music in this exciting themed program! Please register.

**Friday, Nov. 9 (9:30 and 10:30 a.m.) and Saturday, Nov. 10 (9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS’ MUSIC THERAPY & MORE** – For families and their children (ages 0-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. Join us for a hands-on program led by a board-certified music therapist designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child’s motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. Siblings (ages 0-6 years) may also attend

but must register separately. Each session is 30 minutes. For more information and to register, visit [connectingforkids.org/music](http://connectingforkids.org/music) or call 440-250-5563.

**Saturday, Nov. 10 (10-11:15 a.m.) TAI CHI** – Discover the healing effects of this movement therapy. Wear comfortable clothing. Please register.

**Saturday, Nov. 10 (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, Nov. 10 (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, Nov. 11 (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.

**Mondays, Nov. 12 and 19 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE** – Need a place to hang out after school? We have computers, video games, board games, snacks and more! For grades 7-12 only.

**Mondays, Nov. 12 and 19 (4-5 p.m.) TWEEN CODE CLUB** – Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Grades 3-8. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Monday, Nov. 12 (6:30-7:15 p.m.) ADAPTED STORYTIME** – Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences are encouraged. This 30-minute storytime, followed by time for socialization, is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3-7, but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend, but must register separately.

Registration begins one week before each session.

**Monday, Nov. 12 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKER MONDAY: TRANSFER 8MM FILM TO DIGITAL** – Did you know that you can transfer to digital from 8mm film or Super 8 with our new converter? Bring a film with you if you want to, plus an SD card. Bring a blank DVD-R to burn to as well. Please register.

**Tuesday, Nov. 13 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) TABLET TUESDAY USER GROUP** – This group will share tips and tricks with each other about using iPads and Android tablets. Kindle Fire users welcome! Please bring your devices. Please register.

**Tuesday, Nov. 13 (1-3 p.m.) JOB SEARCH TELEPHONE TIPS** – Before you call them or they call you do you know your purpose, have a script, have the tools you need available and your perfect voice and rate of speech ready? How do you handle objections during a call? Can you do a Skype interview? Are you ready for phone screening interviews at the drop of a hat? Let’s refresh!

**Tuesdays, Nov. 13 and 20 (2-3:30 p.m.) CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH** – Spanish is the most popular second language learned in the United States. Learn Spanish vocabulary and pronunciation with an expert instructor.

**Tuesday, Nov. 13 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** – In November we’ll discuss “Little Fires Everywhere” by Celeste Ng.

**Thursday, Nov. 15 (Preschool session: 6:30 p.m.) and Friday, Nov. 16 (Preschool session: 9:30 a.m. and Toddler Session: 11:30 a.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS’ TEACH ME TO PLAY** – A play-based program 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 experienced early intervention special-

ist and speech-language pathologist. For more information and to register, please call 440-250-5563 or visit [connectingforkids.org/play](http://connectingforkids.org/play).

**Friday, Nov. 16 (10 a.m.-noon) FIBER FANATICS** – A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems and show off.

**Friday, Nov. 16 (3:30-4:15 p.m.) FUN SCIENCE FRIDAY: COLORFUL LEAVES** – Join Mrs. K as we explore the wonders of our world. Fall leaves will change color before our eyes! Discoveries will be made through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home project. Ages 4-6. Registration begins Nov. 9.

**Saturday, Nov. 17 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) TURKEY TIME!** – It’s almost time to celebrate Thanksgiving! Join us in Youth Services to make some fun turkey crafts to take home.

**Saturday, Nov. 17 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) POKEMON FUN!** – A fun morning of Pokemon-themed play, prizes and crafts! Ages 6-11.

**Saturday, Nov. 17 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS** – Love those bricks? Bring your ideas and imagination! Lego and Duplo bricks provided. For ages 3-12.

**Sunday, Nov. 18 (2-3:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS!** – Are you bored? Drop by the Storytime Room and join in the fun! We will have different activities available each month. All ages welcome!

**Sunday, Nov. 18 (3-4 p.m.) ART SMARTS** – Explore works of a well-known artist and then use what you’ve seen to create an art piece of your own! This month’s artist is Wassily Kandinsky. Grades 3-6. Registration begins Nov. 11.

**Tuesday, Nov. 20 (7-7:30 p.m.) BED-TIME 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: Goodnight, Trucks. Ages 4-6. Siblings welcome.

**To register for any of the programs, please visit [westlakelibrary.evanced.info](http://westlakelibrary.evanced.info) or call 440-871-2600. ●**

# Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

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

**Thursday, Nov. 15 (4 p.m.) AMERICAN GIRL: KIT** – Grades 2-6: Learn about the times and cultures represented by the dolls. Feel free to bring your doll to the program if you have one.

## TEEN

**Wednesdays, Nov. 7 and 14 (3 p.m.) TEEN ZONE** – Grades 5 & up: Hang out with something fun to do after school – gaming, art, movies, technology and more!

## ADULT

**Friday, Nov. 16 ( 10 a.m.) BAYARTS BOOK DISCUSSION** – Join friends, neighbors and library staff for this monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus. This month’s title, “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas, is available at the library and BAYarts one month before the discussion.

**Please register to attend the programs online at [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org), call us at 440-871-6392, or stop in to the library at 502 Cahoon Road and register with a librarian. ●**

# Annual Chanukah celebration to include ice skating run

by RABBI MENDEL JACOBS

The annual Chanukah celebration at Crocker Park will include a run at Crocker Park’s ice skating rink.

The yearly celebration, hosted by Chabad of the West Side, has become a staple of Jewish life on the West Side and is expected to be

attended by hundreds of locals.

The program, which will be based primarily out of the Hyatt Hotel in Crocker Park, will include lighting a giant Menorah, strolling entertainment and lots of fun for adults and children alike!

The event takes place on Sunday, Dec. 2 – the first evening of Chanukah – at 4:00 p.m. ●

# Tri-C program explores environmental sustainability

by JOHN HORTON

Cuyahoga Community College will examine human impact on wildlife and the ecosystem during a “Learning for Life” lecture series program on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Corporate College West.

The free program will focus on mankind’s footprint on the world and the

cumulative effect of seemingly small actions, such as spraying garden pesticides. The discussion will include tips on how people can reduce their environmental impact.

Taryn Leach, a wildlife specialist at the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center in Bay Village, will be the featured speaker.

The conversation

begins at 6 p.m. in room 112 at Corporate College West, located at 25425 Center Ridge Road in Westlake. No registration is required. For more information, call 216-987-5968.

The Learning for Life lecture series covers a range of topics important to the community. Visit [tri-c.edu/LearningForLife](http://tri-c.edu/LearningForLife) for a schedule of upcoming events. ●



# Best-selling author Neale Donald Walsch comes to Westlake

by REV. JOANNE ROWDEN

Each fall, Unity Spiritual Center Westlake holds a fall program in which the entire community studies a spiritual book for a period of seven weeks. This year, the community is reading Neale Donald Walsch's book, "What God Said."

Neale Donald Walsch is the author of the "Conversations with God" series of books, seven of which have made the New York Times bestseller list. Neale has written 29 books on spirituality and its practical application in everyday life. "What God Said" is based on the 25 core messages from the "Conversations with God" series.

The intention of holding a fall program each year is to encourage community by studying together a book with a spiritual focus. Congregants get together in small groups for weekly book discussions. This provides an opportunity for new relationships to form while deepening in understanding of spiritual teachings and ideas. This year there are 12 groups meeting and 110 people participating.

There are two added dimensions to the program this year. During each weekly gathering, the participants join together in prayer for one individual who shares their prayer intention with the group. While meditation has always been a part of the small group meetings, the added intention and prayer is a new element to support each one in understanding the power of being in prayer together.

In addition, each small group has been invited to engage in a service project to be completed by the end of 2018. Unity Spiritual Center believes that we must practice the Truth we know, and engaging in a service project is a reflection of that belief. These service projects are encouraged to extend beyond the walls of Unity Spiritual Center into the greater community at large.

The fall program has been studying seven of the 25 core messages including: We are one; All truth is subjective; The human race lives with 10 illusions; There are three levels of awareness; You are the creator of your own reality; God talks to everyone, all the time; and The purpose of your life is to re-create yourself anew. These seven messages support Unity Spiritual Center's year long focus of "The Courage to Imagine."

This year, Unity Spiritual Center is excited to be hosting the author, Neale Donald Walsch, at a public event on Saturday, Nov. 17. This will not only be the culmination of the fall program activity, it is also an opportunity to host a New York Times-bestselling author who will draw individuals from outside Unity Spiritual Center to come and experience the community.

A cocktail party is planned from 5-6:30 p.m. That will be followed by a conversation with Neale Donald Walsch from 7-9 p.m. Tickets for the optional cocktail party and the talk are \$40 each. Tickets are available through the website at USCWestlake.org or by calling the office at 440-835-0400. ●

## St. Paul Westlake to lower tuition for 2019

In today's world of increasing costs, St. Paul Westlake School Principal Jeremy Loudon has announced the school will offer a new lower tuition for K-8 students beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

St. Paul Westlake is the city's oldest independent preparatory school for students in grades Pre-K-8.

"We are excited to announce a brand new tuition structure that sets St. Paul apart, increases our ability to be more competitive with other schools in the area, but most importantly, allows for the excellent education that our teachers and staff provide to be accessible to more families in Northeast Ohio."

The annual tuition at St. Paul Westlake is currently \$6,950 per year for students in grades K-8. Effective with the start of the 2019-2020 school year, the new tuition will be \$4,995, Loudon said.

The new, lower comprehensive tuition will include all other fees and costs typically associated with attending school.

"Bibles, hymnals, P.E. uniforms, graduation fees, field trips and other fees will now all be included in the lower tuition," according to Loudon. "The goal is to make things as simple as possible when it comes to covering costs."

Loudon said the cost of school supplies will also be included in the new tuition structure.

"No more fighting through crowds or running back and forth to Marc's or Walmart," said Loudon. "It will all be taken care of for our families. Things like pencils, pens, markers, binders, and anything else that would be found on a school supply list will be sitting here on day one of the school year waiting for our students to arrive. This is just one of the many ways we look to improve upon our already exceptional level of customer service we provide to our school families."

Additionally, another change is coming to St. Paul Westlake in 2019-2020.

"We will be adding a Pre-Kindergarten class for 3-year-olds," Loudon said. "This will be a full-day program. We know there's a great need out there for such an option. We want to provide an appropriate solution for families."

Loudon explained that the school is celebrating its 160th anniversary during this school year.

"We are taking bold and progressive steps to market our school to the surrounding area," he said.

The first steps in that regard were the hiring of the school's first Director of Admissions and Marketing earlier this year, combined with developing and implementing a new brand, logo and tagline.

"We're really excited by all these new initiatives," Loudon said. "It's a totally new and different St. Paul Westlake. We're looking for ways to find new families to join our community in an environment that is Christ-centered, compassionate and cutting-edge."

Loudon, 34, became the new St. Paul Westlake principal on July 2 after 10 years as a fine arts director, championship band director and varsity basketball coach in Houston. The move was a return to home and family for Loudon, who grew up in Cleveland's West Park area.

"It was an easy move to make. I knew of the rich history of St. Paul Westlake. As we continue forward, we will respect and build upon that history, all the while embracing change and spreading the word about all this great school has to offer."

To learn more,  
visit [stpaulwestlake.org](http://stpaulwestlake.org),  
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Jeremy Loudon

# WWC presents 29th annual Basket of Treasures show

by WENDY KOLODKIN

The Westlake Women's Club will be presenting its 29th annual Basket of Treasures

Marketplace and Craft Show. It will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd. All types of crafters and artisans will

have their creations for sale, from seasonal and holiday items and home decor to jewelry and pottery. Lunch will be available as well as a raffle and bake sale featuring many

delicious home baked goods.

This is the Westlake Women's Club primary fundraising event and the success of this show provides scholarships for local

students and grants to local non-profit organization. Admission at the door is \$3 for adults and free for children under 12. No strollers please. ●



## LUNCH AND LEARN

# Hip & Knee Replacement: What to Expect & Tips for Success

**Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018 | 12:30 p.m.**

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# Westlake's Chris Cullen named Board Student Scholar at Tri-C

by JOHN HORTON

A few years of accounting work at Sherwin-Williams positioned Chris Cullen for a comfortable career with the Fortune 500 company, his future as bright as the paint giant's boldest colors.

"I had everything you could ask for," Cullen said. "I was in a great job with a great company, with plenty of opportunity and mentors. I was set."

But he wasn't fulfilled. Cullen had always envisioned himself in a job helping people. He wanted to be a doctor, a healer ... somebody who made a difference. "In the hustle and bustle of life, I lost sight of that," he said.

So he turned to Cuyahoga Community College to reinvent himself.

Cullen – who is serving as Tri-C's

Board Student Scholar this academic year – is midway through his studies in biology and chemistry to earn an Associate of Science degree from the College.

The 32-year-old from Westlake intends to transfer to either Baldwin Wallace University or Cleveland State University in 2019 as the next step toward medical school. Ultimately, he wants to work as an emergency room doctor or surgeon.

"I want a job where a good day makes a huge impact and saves lives," Cullen said.

He experienced that feeling soon after starting as a nurse aide at Southwest General Health Center in Middleburg Heights. Cullen responded to a code blue and administered lifesaving chest compressions to a patient in

intensive care.

Cullen balances shifts at Southwest with a science-heavy class schedule at Tri-C's Westshore Campus, where he has been involved with student government, The Voice newspaper and numerous events. He is also part of the College's Honors Program.

"I want to grow myself completely," Cullen said. "If there's an opportunity available, I plan to take advantage of it."

That eagerness led to Cullen's selection as Tri-C's Board Student Scholar for 2018-2019. The leadership position serves as a bridge between the entire student body and the College's board of trustees.

Cullen views the responsibility as a



Chris Cullen

way to develop critical thinking and build higher-level skills. In a way, he said that describes his whole time at the College.

"Tri-C has helped me focus on becoming the person I always wanted to be," Cullen said. "It was a big life decision to change careers, and I know I made the right choice because of what I've learned here." ●

## Clague Playhouse announces Christmas holiday show

by PAM KILPATRICK

Clague Playhouse's holiday show will be "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)." Instead of performing Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic for the umpteenth time, three actors decide to perform every Christmas story ever told. A madcap romp through the holiday season, the play is written by Michael Carleton, James FitzGerald and John K. Alvarez and is directed by Robert Gibb. Our cast features Michael Frye, Bob Goddard and Don Knepper.

The show runs Friday, Nov. 9, through Sunday, Dec. 9, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. There is no performance on Thursday, Nov. 22. Limited tickets are available. Show tickets

are \$18 for adults, \$17 for seniors (60+), and \$10 for students (any age with a valid ID) and may be purchased by calling the box office at 440-331-0403 Wednesday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m. or visiting [clagueplayhouse.org](http://clagueplayhouse.org).

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

Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Clague Road in Westlake. ●



Michael Frye, Don Knepper and Bob Goddard perform a scene from "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)."

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## Christmas Greening Workshops

by KARLA MUSSULIN

BayVillage Garden Club's annual Christmas Greening Workshops will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 4 and 5, at Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Road. This is the 36th year that the

club is offering fun workshops to help people make beautiful fresh holiday arrangements.

There will be four new designs – a centerpiece, a boxwood tree, a wreath and an outdoor/indoor arrangement that can be used on a porch, or perfect on a hearth. The outdoor/indoor is not as large as previous outdoor arrangements. The fee for each workshop is \$35.

Participants will be provided fresh fragrant greens, accessories, ribbons and decorations. Our expert demonstrators will walk you step-by-step through each



project. Garden Club members will be on hand to give individual assistance.

Bring a friend or make a new friend while you discover your creativity. Arrive early to enjoy complimentary refreshments and shop at our Accessory Kiosk. New this year at our Kiosk will be small fresh arrangements made by our members. These arrangements make perfect hostess gifts.

Visit [bayvillagegardenclub.com](http://bayvillagegardenclub.com) to view samples of the arrangements and to see specific times for each session. Registration forms are also found on our website. The proceeds from these workshops are used for civic beautification. One of this year's projects will be new landscaping in front of the sign at City Hall. ●



THE DIGITAL WORLD

# Build good habits to avoid being spoofed

by TAK SATO

Although both Google and my mobile phone service provider try to identify unwanted incoming calls, the number of such calls has increased exponentially.

Unwanted emails are called “spam emails” and these unwanted calls, including computer-dialed “robocalls” that deliver pre-recorded messages, are also known as “spam calls.”

At least with spam email, your email provider and/or yourself (the latter through creating what are known as rules to categorize email as spam depending on criteria such as message subject) can redirect suspected spam email from ever coming into your inbox.

With unwanted calls, though, you still have to be notified of the call coming in. The ultimate decision to ignore that call or answer it is left to you. Unlike the aforementioned automated spam email identification process, spam calls can still interrupt you even if for a split-second as you see the caller ID.

It doesn't surprise me when people ask what they can do to reduce spam calls. I wish I had a silver bullet of sorts that totally eradicates these nuisance calls. I, too, look for quick fixes so I can spend my time on meaningful endeavors and better things in life. Who wouldn't, right? Unfortunately, there are no silver bullets when it comes to spam calls.

Instead, when I'm asked that question of how to curtail spam calls, I draw a parallel to the main tenet behind my “internet street

smarts” and its various tactical elements that comprise the practice: build good habits. In this case building good habits is akin to training yourself from having to pick up each and every call – even those incoming calls not identified as spam callers.

But why, you ask, if they are supposedly not even from spam callers?

The spam identification system utilized by entities such as Google or my mobile phone service provider may not be perfect; it is a cat-and-mouse game for the spammers to increase the chance for you to answer and open your wallet.

I admit, even I have answered calls I shouldn't have because the number that popped up was a local number that looked eerily familiar yet it was really a toll-free number in disguise. It's called “Caller ID Spoofing” and unfortunately it is very easy to do. Although Caller ID Spoofing comes with enforcement by the FCC, with my untrained legal understanding it seems up to interpretation of what constitutes “intent to defraud, cause harm or wrongly obtain anything of value” since entities may not be trying to defraud but legitimately sell something.

Just like internet street smarts, building good habits which in this case is to not pick up every call unless you, and not any other system, can identify the caller seems to be a good habit to cultivate. If it is an important call, they should leave a message, call back or utilize other means to speak to you! ●

# St. Paul hosts Christmas toy drive

by RICK HAASE

The "We Care" Christmas Toy Drive will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 27993 Detroit Road.

The church will be collecting new toys for children in foster care in Northeast Ohio, as well as for children at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. A truck will be

parked in the church parking lot, and everyone is invited to stop by and drop off a toy.

Volunteers will accept the donated toys and they will then be donated to the hospital and to children in foster care.

Get in the holiday spirit and help provide some holiday cheer for these children.

For additional information, call the church office at 440-835-3050. ●

# Become an AARP Tax Aide volunteer and help make a difference

by DENNIS DRISCOLL

The IRS-sponsored AARP Tax Aide Program is looking for volunteers for the 2018 tax filing season. AARP Foundation Tax-Aides provide free personal income tax assistance and tax form preparation for low and moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 50+. During tax season, we set up tax preparation sites, many of them at public libraries and senior centers in the area. Last year, about 34,600 volunteers across the country helped prepare more than 1.5 million free federal tax returns at over 5,000 sites.

You need not have any prior tax experience. As an AARP Tax

Aide volunteer, you will be provided with free training through IRS-designed classes. The initial meeting for prospective volunteers is in early December. Tax preparation season runs from mid-January to mid-April. There are a number of volunteer sites on the west side of Cleveland and the western suburbs. In addition, the hours and days are flexible since our locations are open on various days of the week.

Our volunteers fill several roles:

- Counselors – Work with taxpayers to prepare the paperwork used for the tax return.
- Computer operators – Enter the taxpayer's information into the computer for electronic filing and printing.

- Greeters – Greet and assist our clients and keep our sites flowing smoothly.
- Technical coordinators – Use their knowledge of personal computers, software and electronic communication systems to set up and maintain the hardware and software used at our tax preparation sites.

As a volunteer, you'll meet a great group of people! You'll also feel fulfilled by giving some time to those who can use an extra hand with tax preparation.

To volunteer go to [taxaide.webs.com](http://taxaide.webs.com) or for additional information contact Tom Smith at 216-221-9388 or Dennis Driscoll at 440-808-1560.

It's a great program and we will welcome your help. ●

THE GREEN REPORT

# Bay Middle School forms new Green Team Committee

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

Bay Middle School's PTA has a new Green Team Committee. The new committee has the support of Bay Village Superintendent Jodie Hausmann, Bay Middle School Principal Sean McAndrews, and Bay Middle School PTA President Chrissy Morscher.

The Committee is proud to report many positive changes already this school year: The Green Team Committee purchased permanent dinnerware, cutlery and glassware from Ikea for use during staff meals and meetings throughout the year, preventing a lot of waste from being generated during these events. These events typically produced a lot of waste in the form of plastic water bottles, plastic/paper plates, and plastic cutlery.

This may seem a small step, purchasing reusable items, but it is actually a big

step when you realize just how much waste was produced during just one of these events. Thank you to Principal McAndrews for supporting this change.

Another positive change happening at Bay Middle School is the replacement of foam trays used for purchased school lunches to biodegradable trays. Styrofoam – or polystyrene – is a terrible pollutant for the earth, as it does not biodegrade but breaks into smaller and smaller pieces that never go away. Polystyrene is made of fossil fuels and synthetic chemicals which leach into hot, greasy or acidic food. Polystyrene is not recyclable, it can only be put into landfills.

The new biodegradable trays will still be thrown into the trash bound for the landfill, however they will eventually break down and not continue to pollute the earth as polystyrene does. Another added benefit: The biodegrad-

able trays are a much healthier choice for the students.

The PTA Green Team committee also formed a student Green Team. The first meeting was held on Oct. 17 for seventh- and eighth-graders. The meeting was very well attended and the students were passionate about the cause and creating positive change in the school. They had lots of great ideas for improvement.

The Committee is excited about the student enthusiasm and ideas about to continue to improve the school's environmental footprint. It's incredible how tuned-in students are to this issue and how much thinking they have already done about how they personally can change their habits. The students are our future and they give me a lot of hope.

If your school has a similar club or committee that you would like me to write about, please email me at [jennifer@bayvillagegreenteam.org](mailto:jennifer@bayvillagegreenteam.org). ●

# Jewelry Heist returns to Clague Playhouse

by PAM KILPATRICK

Our ninth annual Jewelry Heist fundraiser is being featured once again this year during performances of "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)." At this event you will find an ever-changing assort-

ment of beautiful and unique jewelry and accessories donated by friends of the theater. The displays are restocked daily so you never know what treasure might await you. A special feature this year will be a Pearl Extravaganza!

The Jewelry Heist is open Thursdays, Fridays and Sat-

urdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., from Nov. 9 through Dec. 7. Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Clague Road in Westlake.

Purchases will not only support Clague Playhouse, but also help you start your holiday shopping. ●



COMMUNITY EVENTS Post your group's free community events online at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com)

**Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1-2:30 p.m.**  
**FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**  
Members of Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will offer assistance to the public. If you have data recorded to pedigree and/or family group sheets, please bring these forms with you. For more information, visit [www.cwcogs.org](http://www.cwcogs.org) or email [cuyahogawest@gmail.com](mailto:cuyahogawest@gmail.com).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7-9 p.m.**  
**COLLEGE CLUB WEST MEETING**  
Guest speaker Kevin Magee will be discussing Lake Erie Shipwrecks. The public is welcome to attend. College Club West offers women living on the west side of Cleveland with four-year degrees and registered nurses opportunities to learn, socialize and participate in fun, meaningful activities. More information at [collegeclubwest.org](http://collegeclubwest.org).  
*Rocky River Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.*

**Thursday, Nov. 8, 12:30 p.m.**  
**JEWELRY DESIGN – IMPACT OF WWII**  
Dr. Mari Halkovich will describe the war's impact on jewelry manufacturing. Rationing of metals prompted designers to turn to other materials, while they created items that lifted the spirits of a war-weary nation. View examples of sweetheart, homefront and post-war souvenir jewelry. Sponsored by The Bay Village Women's Club. Free admission and open to all.  
*Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.*

**Thursday, Nov. 8, 7-9 p.m.**  
**FORUM ON LIVING WITH DEPRESSION**  
Rev. Kimberly Ann will provide information on how to overcome depression and live a depression-free life. She will share the six pillars of life (health, wellness, spirituality, career, finances and relationships) and will discuss how we both violate and support our basic values. We will learn what triggers us. We will discover that life is a journey and not a destination and that we can choose happiness, peace, love and joy. This event is free and everyone is welcome to attend. Call 440-835-0400 with questions.  
*Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

**Friday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m.**  
**BAY VILLAGE PUBLIC MEETING**  
Topic: Reese Park athletic court refurbishment.  
*Bay Village City Hall, conference room, 350 Dover Center Rd.*

**Friday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m.**  
**FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY**  
The Bay Village American Legion, Post 385, will hold a flag retirement ceremony as part of their annual Veterans Day celebration. Citizens may bring old, torn or faded flags and deposit them in the red, white and blue box located at the Post front door at any time. The ceremony is conducted in accordance with American Legion protocol and visitors are welcome to witness the retirement of the flags.  
*American Legion Post 385, 695 Cahoon Rd., Westlake*

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**  
**WHY COLLEGE COSTS ARE SO OUTRAGEOUS**  
AAUW presents an open discussion on why college costs are so high and possible solutions. Come and share. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Monday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**FREE DENTAL WORK FOR VETERANS**  
Free services will include simple cleanings, fillings, extractions, X-rays and denture cleanings. Walk-ins accepted, but a call is appreciated, 440-327-0027.  
*North Ridgeville Family Dentistry, 34100 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Tuesday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.**  
**ST. LADS 50+ EVENT**  
We will have a Memorial Mass for deceased club members, followed by a formal presentation in Cullen Hall from Mary Beth Schneider, who will present her recent trip to the Holy Land. A catered lunch will feature a wonderful Thanksgiving feast. Cost is \$11; guests are welcome to attend. Reservation deadline is Nov. 9; call the Barteks at 440-937-8089.  
*St. Ladislav Church, 2345 Bassett Rd., Westlake*

**Tuesday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
**PERI CHAPTER 91 MEETING**  
Guest speaker will be Chuck Jakubchak who will talk about Thanksgiving traditions. His presentation will consist of wild turkeys in the United States and Ohio; domestic turkeys and the role they play in our economy; and, the history of the Thanksgiving holiday. Public sector retirees are welcome.  
*Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Rd.*

**Wednesday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.**  
**HERB GUILD GARDEN CLUB**  
After a short business meeting, conservation specialist Judy Semroc of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History will give a presentation on the popular fall roadside flower, Goldenrod. This is your opportunity to learn everything you wanted to know about Goldenrod! The presentation will start at 12:30 p.m. and guests are welcome. For more information, visit [theherbguild.org](http://theherbguild.org).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIPS**  
NEOPC (Northeast Ohio Personal Computers) welcomes representative from Best Buy-Avon who will give us a heads-up on Black Friday offerings; get the scoop on the hottest technology for this coming holiday season. A little knowledge goes a long way to making wise purchases! Conversation and refreshments at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 7:00. All are welcome. For more information, go to [neopc.org](http://neopc.org).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**SKYQUEST: THE NIGHT SKY**  
Take in in-depth tour of the current night sky as we use both of Schuele Planetarium's star projectors to identify constellations, explore planets and more. For pre-teens through adults. Fee: \$7/person.  
*Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village*

**Thursday, Nov. 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR**  
Come speak with representatives from skilled, assisted living, memory care, home health, elder law, hospice and so much more. Learn more about the services that are offered locally.  
*UH St. John Medical Center, Bldg. 2, Aud. A & B, 29000 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

**Saturday, Nov. 17, 5-7:30 p.m.**  
**SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER**  
The Lutheran Wind Ensemble will hold its third annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and can be purchased at the door. Proceeds will go toward providing supplemental funding for the instrumental music programs of Lutheran schools in the Cleveland area, including St. Paul Westlake. Entertainment will be provided by the New Ohio Jazz Ensemble during dinner. For more information, email [lutheranwinds@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranwinds@gmail.com) or call Julie Pruchenski at 216-410-3976.  
*St. Paul Lutheran Church, 27993 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

**Sunday, Nov. 18, 1-3 p.m.**  
**ST. PAUL WESTLAKE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
Teachers and staff will be on hand to answer questions, and tours of the school will be conducted during the event. If you have questions or would like additional information, contact the Office of Admissions at 440-835-3051, or via email at [admissions@stpaulwestlake.org](mailto:admissions@stpaulwestlake.org).  
*St. Paul Westlake, 27981 Detroit Rd.*

**Monday, Nov. 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**  
**ROCKY RIVER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT**  
James Feddeck, former assistant conductor of The Cleveland Orchestra, will lead a chamber ensemble of 21 members of The Cleveland Orchestra and friends in a gala evening of serenades by Dvořák and Brahms. Early arrival is strongly recommended. No admission charge. For more information visit [rrcms.org](http://rrcms.org).  
*West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River*



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