

## DIGGING DOVER

# Tracing the history of the Lora A. and Russell A. Pease home

Dover Center Road house, circa 1923,  
was one of first built as Westlake  
transitioned from farmland to suburb

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

Most of the nearly 200 century homes in Westlake are vernacular farmhouses rather than “high style.” That is, they were built to be functional domestic dwellings rather than making an architectural statement or appearing monumental.

The exception are some of the homes along the sec-

tion of Dover Center Road between Hilliard Boulevard and Center Ridge Road which include a cluster of existing “high style” early homes in Westlake which were designed to make an architectural statement and appear monumental. This area is a prime candidate for a local historic district designation one day. One of enigmatic



PHOTO BY WILL KRAUSE

The 1923 Lora A. and Russell A. Pease home, 2570 Dover Center Road.

jewels of this stretch of road is a substantial brick home on the northwest corner of Dover Center Road and Seneca Drive.

This home was listed as the “Sarah Champ Residence” on the Ohio Historic Inventory in 1977 by Mike Adams working for the Western Reserve Historical

Society, and estimated to have been constructed circa 1900. This does not appear to be correct because the property the home is on transferred out of the Champ family in 1919 and the house does not appear on plat books dated 1914 or 1920.

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FALL COLORS ARE EXPECTED TO PEAK THE LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER IN OUR COMMUNITY



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## BVFD adds new, more versatile ladder truck to fleet

by CHIEF CHRISTOPHER LYONS

When the Bay Village Fire Department began back in 1915, the mission was primarily focused on intense and sometimes chaotic efforts by volunteers to douse fires using a horse-drawn wagon supplied with a dozen pails and a ladder. Since those early days, the fire department has evolved into a fully-staffed professionally-trained comple-

ment of firefighters, who utilize the latest advancements in technology to respond to fires, as well as a whole host of other emergency situations.

In fact, the modern Bay Village Fire Department – the BVFD – trains daily in order to be prepared to respond to all hazards, including such varied dangers as drownings and water rescues on Lake Erie, calls for emergency medical assistance,

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## Free ‘trunk or treat’ event at Westlake United Methodist Church

by J. PAIGE BOYER

What do Candy Land, fossils, rock-climbing, bubbles and Hamilton all have in common? These are just a few of the creative trunks we’ve spotted at Trunk or Treat in the past several years. Who knows what great adventures you’ll be able to take at Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 4-6 p.m. at Westlake United Methodist Church.

Adventurers of all ages are welcome at this free, family-friendly evening of trick-or-treating in our church parking lot. Wear your costume and enjoy games, prizes, food, live music and more! All are welcome to this rain or shine, fun-filled event.

For more information, contact the church office at 440-871-3088 or visit [www.westlakeumc.org](http://www.westlakeumc.org). Westlake United Methodist Church is located at 27650 Center Ridge Road. ◆



Westlake UMC’s Trunk or Treat event features trunks like this Candy Land scene from a previous event.

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## Village Bicycle Cooperative witnesses greatness

by CARL GONZALEZ

Every now and then, we have a chance to witness greatness. For this story, “greatness” can be defined as the effort of a small group of people providing happiness and reward for others that are less fortunate. At the Village Bicycle Cooperative (VBC) in Bay Village, we were given the opportunity to witness greatness at a Cleveland school.

In late summer, VBC was approached by assistant principal Dave Funk from Marion C. Seltzer School, a Cleveland public school on West 98th Street near Madison Avenue. We were told that an Earn-a-Bike program was created for kids from kindergarten through eighth grade. Here is how it works:

A StarBuck, a Marion C. Seltzer-exclusive dollar, has its principal’s image along with its greatness motto: “We Believe in Our Greatness.” Kids can earn StarBucks.

How does one earn a StarBuck? Who receives a StarBuck? What does a StarBuck do? Any teacher can give a student or group of students a StarBuck when they are exhibiting exemplary responsibility. A StarBuck can also be given to a student leader who is encouraging a culture of safety and respect. When a student saves up 100 StarBucks, they can buy a bicycle!

To support the StarBuck program, VBC put together a package of eight bicycles of various sizes and types, along with helmets, for delivery. We were welcomed at the school in early October when we delivered a truck full of fun and “pride of ownership.” Best of all, these kids earned it.

Village Bicycle Cooperative is a not-for-profit organization established in 2012. All year, VBC collects donated bikes from local citizens for refurbishment. With volunteer support, VBC reconditions donated bicycles to a safe and operational level.

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THE GREEN REPORT

# Fighting (locally) for our future

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

For those of you who are championing for the planet at home, at work and at school, please know that I understand it is not easy, but small, local victories are what matter the most. We may not all be Greta Thunbergs with a global voice, but without those of us out here fighting the good fight everyday, her work would be futile.

It is hard and it can be very stressful when trying to help people understand why their choices matter. For example, you may get a laugh from somebody if you tell them that water from the tap is better for them than drinking water from plastic.

This idea may take some processing time because there are many people who have gotten into the bad habit of bottled water. However, if you continue to gently remind friends and family that tap water is clean and safe and a much better choice than bottled water (and cheaper) you are indeed making a difference for the earth.

As you go about living your life every day, you will encounter situations that

heavily utilize single-use items. I encourage you to pay attention to where and why this is being done. If single-use items are being provided when reusable items could easily substitute, such as at a private home or smaller gathering, think about how you might be able to change that in the future.

Possibly after the event you can send a polite email about why you think it's important to avoid single-use products whenever possible, and provide reasonable alternatives such as purchasing dinnerware and glassware at local thrift stores, or if you own extra glasses you can offer to loan them out. I purchased about 50 extra glasses a few years ago to use at a party I was hosting and I have loaned them out many times to friends and acquaintances for their own parties.

If you are attending a larger event, you will likely notice heavy use of single-use plastic. Earth-friendly equivalents cost a lot more money. However, it is my view that the added cost of those materials is something that has become unavoidable when the need for single-use items arises. For example, it needs to be viewed as an

increase of an expense, and accounted for that way. Just as the cost of other every day items fluctuate: gas, coffee, groceries, etc., the price of earth-friendly disposables must become an expense that is budgeted for when planning events. Just because plastic is much cheaper and saves money does not mean it is the right thing to choose because the cost to the planet is astronomical.

When you are at events that are using single-use items, pay attention to what kind they are. You may be surprised that many event planners are consistently using earth-friendly items already. If you notice this, please make a point to thank the hosts or organizers. Thanking people for their good choices goes a long way. If you are at an event with all single-use plastics, it is important to know that the waste from that event will still be on earth in thousands and thousands of years, either in a landfill or in the lake or other waterway.

I am not the only person who feels upset and disgusted at events that provide guests with all plastic items that are used for a few minutes only remain on earth for

eternity. After such an event, I encourage you to gently ask organizers or hosts to consider earth-friendly disposables in the future. Just like smoking, single use plastics are becoming taboo. Sure, people still smoke but it is not socially acceptable, just like someday in the very near future it will not be socially acceptable to trash the earth at events. People may do it, but at the risk of turning guests off.

If each of us used our individual voices to help others understand the dire necessity of protecting the planet, we are helping progress be made in our own communities.

If you can help even one event become earth-friendly, you are making a huge difference! And please know that you will encounter resistance, probably plenty of it as these ideas take hold and spread, but hopefully you are planting seeds that will grow one day into understanding that protecting the earth is a top priority and the responsibility of each of us. Imagine our combined influence if each and every one of us did this!

I'll leave you with this quote from Margaret Mead: *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."* ●

BAY VILLAGE FOUNDATION

## Bronze memorial plaque makes unique gift

by ANN GILMORE ORIN

Each Memorial Day, The Bay Village Foundation hosts a well-attended public ceremony in Cahoon Park. The event honors friends and family with the dedication of a beautiful bronze plaque. For some families in the past, this was their perfect gift for a loved one.

A bronze plaque is engraved with personal-

ized text and permanently installed on the footbridge of the T. Richard Martin walking trail overlooking the lake in Cahoon Memorial Park.

The plaques are installed at the request of family, neighbors and friends for a contribution of \$2,500 or more. The Memorial Day program is a beautiful outdoor service featuring musicians and soloists from Bay High School. Television personality Jon Loufman serves



A bronze memorial plaque on the footbridge in Cahoon Memorial Park.

as emcee of the event.

A bronze plaque can be ordered through March 31, 2020. All contributions to the Bay Village Foundation are distributed to Bay groups following grant requests. The funds are offered to private, non-profit, non-sectarian projects. Your support makes

a significant difference to the many volunteers that serve Bay Village tirelessly.

For more information about the Bay Village Foundation and the bronze plaque program, call 440-871-3154 or visit thebayvillagefoundation.org. ●

## Nominate a 'kind kid' for award

by LORILYNN WOLF

October is Kindness Month. Do you know a child who goes above and beyond to help others? If so, nominate him or her for the Connecting for Kids Kind Kid Award.

The Kind Kid Award is given to a child 12 years of age or younger who demonstrates kindness and compassion to peers. The nomination should include specific examples of acts of kindness performed by the nominee.

The nomination dead-

line is Friday, Nov. 1. To nominate a child, please fill out the online form found on the organization's website at connectingforkids.org/Board-Awards. Every child nominated will receive a certificate to reinforce his or her actions. ●

### CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, the name of a Westlake Board of Education candidate was misspelled in the previous issue. The candidate is Liz Pirnat, not Pernat.

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# FYI: Opera presents Shakespeare's 'Dream' set to music

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

Oberlin Opera Theater will present a preview of its upcoming production of Benjamin Britten's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the FYI: Opera program on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. The Westlake Westshore Arts Council sponsors this event at Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, and offers it free to the community.

However, this 2019 event is steeped in history. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was written by Shakespeare in the late 1590s. Almost four centuries later, in June 1960, Britten's opera based on Shakespeare's play, premiered.

Jonathon Field, director of Oberlin Opera Theater, who has organized the Oct. 30 program, said the soloists are Colin Anderson, a bass baritone who has appeared at the Miami Music Festival; Maggie Kinabrew, soprano, who has performed numerous roles in Oberlin productions; and guest artist Andrew Lipian, a counter-tenor. The singers will be accompanied on the piano by music director Tony Cho.

Field, who noted having guest artist Lipian was "special," said, "Mr. Lipian is a native of Grafton, graduated from the Conservatory about five years ago, and since that time has gone on to earn his Master's of Fine Arts in Voice from Michigan State." Field further explained, "Mr.



Andrew Lipian

Lipian is unusual in that he is a counter-tenor, which is a soprano in a male body. Their duet as Oberon and Tytania shows the ranges of both singers, and creates an unworldly effect."

Almost 60 years ago, when Britten composed his opera, he wrote the role of Oberon for counter-tenor Alfred Dellerr. "The work is typical of Britten, with a highly individual sound-world," stated one review of Britten's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The Oct. 30 program previews Oberlin Opera Theater's full production of Britten's opera, which will be performed on Nov. 6, 8, 9 and 10. Details and tickets may be obtained by accessing the Oberlin College website.

For almost 30 years, FYI: Opera programs have reflected the WWAC mission to provide the community with an enhanced and broadened cultural life that promotes awareness, education and involvement in the arts. ●

BAYARTS

# BAY-CON is for lovers of anime, comics and movies

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

On Sunday, Oct. 20, fans of anime, comics, video games and movies are invited to BAYarts for the first annual BAY-CON. This family-friendly (free) comic and art convention will be packed with activities and vendors. Students of BAYarts will be featured in an art show of their work during the event.

Jeff Ritchie, a teacher at BAYarts, has been instrumental in the day and he talks about the event with great excitement. "Some of the students will do free sketches for visitors," Ritchie explained before elaborating on the activities. "There will be a trivia contest, pumpkin decorating, a chance to draw with one of the teachers of BAYarts, and panels with local artists and comic book creators!"

As a special treat, there will also be photo opportunities with some favorite fandom characters including Joker, Batgirl, Ghostbusters and Star Wars. Vendors at the event will involve artists and makers from all over Cleveland. As Ritchie puts it, "They will have sweet treats, geeky soaps, hand-knitted creatures, local comic books and more, available to purchase."

Something important to Ritchie is how involved the kids and teens get to be for BAY-CON. "This event is giving the students a chance to have a moment

to shine but also to interact and learn from professional artists that have years of experience. It will also give people a chance to see what the school has to offer and meet some of the talented staff."

To that end, classes that will have their art on display include Ritchie's "Character Creator" class as well as Jim Giar's "Comic Book and Cartooning, Advanced Cartooning" classes, and Eric Dull's "Art Club – Painting" class.

Ritchie, Giar and Dull have all been popular in the comic/cartooning/art world of Cleveland and they are bringing that experience to the day. "I am excited to have a chance to use the knowledge I've gained from being a part of other events like BAY-CON," said Ritchie. "Whether it be Free Comic Book Day at Carol and John's Comic Shop or a large convention like Motor City Con in Detroit, I have seen the joy that these types of events can create for the art and fan communities. There is a need to be with people and friends that enjoy the same thing you do."

In fact, Ritchie sees these kinds of events as similar to other groups of similar-minded people. "Like going to a baseball or football game downtown, a con can bring together fandoms and let people bask in the things they love!"

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# PEASE HOME

from front page

A deed for 2.88 acres of land west of the subject parcel transferred from Clara E. Lyons (formerly Clara E. Champ) to Clifford Pease in 1911 included the right to use a 30-foot-wide strip of land from his property to Dover Center Road to be known as “Champ Road.”

Champ Road was subsequently known as Johnson Court until 1956 when property owners along it petitioned the Village of Westlake to change the name to Seneca Drive, as it is known today.

The Ohio Historic Inventory form includes this description of the home: “This house bears a kinship to the Tuscan Villa style. It is square and has a hipped roof with deep eaves. The facades are each 3 bays wide. The bay to the left of the door contains a double-hung window with a lintel surmounted by 3 semi-circular pateras. The central oak door is flanked by leaded side-lights. The side elevations contain central 2-story bay windows. The porch roof is supported by roughly textured Tuscan columns with an entry accented by a pediment. The service entry has been enclosed with plate glass. Built on the homestead of an early settler family, the Champs, this house was the first subdivision of that farm. The Dover Center subdivision was one of the early residential developments that was to transform this rural farm community into a suburb.”

Sarah Champ purchased 28 acres along the west side of Dover Center Road extending south from Bassett Road, including the subject parcel, sometime after 1852 but before 1874. The land was subdivided and 4.58 acres of it, including the subject parcel, sold to Joseph J. Johnson in 1919.

Joseph J. Johnson appears to have been a house builder. He may have constructed a similar, but plainer, “American Foursquare” style home in Shaker Heights in 1918, and sold it in 1919. The term “Foursquare” was coined for this type of square or rectangular home with unbroken two-story sides of similar dimensions, and a hipped roof with dormers on each elevation of the house, and a large front porch.

This house style was popular from the mid-1890s to the late 1930s. It was a reaction to the ornate and mass-produced elements of the Victorian and other Revival styles. This house style incorporates elements of the Prairie School and the Craftsman styles.

Besides the massing of the Dover Center Road house, its deep eaves and large porch, the craftsmanship of the stone trim and columns further cements its categorization as a Foursquare. The inclusion of the two-story bay windows on the side and the unique style of the stone porch railings and column and “semi-circular pateras” over the front window make it a one-of-a-kind Foursquare. In architecture terminology, a



PHOTO BY WILL KRAUSE

This photo shows the unique stone trim, including porch railings and pateras over the windows.

“patera” is a circular ornament, resembling a dish, often worked in relief on friezes, etc.

The current owners have added a storm door with Arts and Crafts stylistic elements which match the original leaded glass windows on each side of the door. They have also stripped layers of paint to restore the original color scheme of the exterior.

One County Auditor record indicates the year built for the home as 1920. However, the property appears to have transferred from J.J. Johnson to Blanche Johnson (his wife) and from Blanche Johnson to J.J. Johnson in 1921 with no mortgage on it. In 1923 the land was valued at \$1,010 and the buildings on it were worth \$1,000. In 1924 the land was valued at \$4,120 and the building at \$8,450. The property was deeded to Lora A. Pease with an \$8,500 mortgage on it from Joseph J. Johnson on 10/24/1922; this indicates that the home was probably constructed in 1922 or at least partially constructed in 1922 and completed in 1923 because property taxes are always paid in arrears. This would explain why the tax value did not go up until 1924.

It is unclear if the street was known as Johnson Court because of the name of the builder of this house

# VILLAGE BICYCLE

from front page

Bicycles that are in unrepairable condition are scrapped and recycled. Approximately half of the bikes that VBC receives are sold back to the community providing VBC with operational revenue to sustain its facility in the Community House at 303 Cahoon Road. The other half is donated to charities and programs supporting needy kids. Some bikes find their way to less fortunate adults for the purpose of getting them to and from their jobs.

The holidays are fast approaching. If you or someone you know has experience repairing and refurbishing bikes and wishes to volun-

teer their time, please let us know. If you happen to own a bike business and have available service staff available off-season to help out refurbishing at your location, we would be happy to have your support.

In the near term, the Community House is going through an updating of its electrical wiring system affecting our storage space. Therefore, VBC cannot accept any new bike donations until the city completes this project. We expect to resume receiving public donation fairly soon. Please check our calendar for construction status at [villagebicycle.org](http://villagebicycle.org). ●



A student from Marion C. Seltzer School in Cleveland, with a bicycle he earned by demonstrating responsible behavior at school. The bike was donated by Village Bicycle Cooperative in Bay Village.

who perhaps planned on building other homes on the street or if it is named for Leverett Johnson, the first settler of the southern part of Dover Township that later became Westlake. As late as 1930 the street was still known as Champ Road on an easement granted by Lora A. Pease to widen Champ Road by five feet with a stipulation that a favorite maple tree be spared. ●

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## LADDER TRUCK

from front page

motor vehicle crashes, elevator search and rescue, surface ice rescue and, of course, structure fires.

With all of these types of responses to which the BVFD responds, it is no wonder that the firefighters need to be equipped with a wide variety of specialty tools necessary to accomplish the tasks at hand. The largest, and most expensive, of these tools is the ladder truck. This vital piece of equipment is easily identifiable by the presence of the enormous ladder that sits atop and runs the entire length of the apparatus. Indeed, the ladder truck is emblematic of the fire department, and is often the piece of firefighting equipment that springs to mind when folks hear those telltale sirens.

As is true for any critical tool, a regular maintenance and replacement schedule is essential. According to the National Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians, communities should plan to replace the ladder truck every 15-20 years. Given the climate and weather conditions in Northeast Ohio (including snow, road salt, and constant temperature swings), this regular maintenance and replacement schedule is particularly important. Since the previous Bay Village ladder truck was purchased in 1996, the BVFD was recently presented with the opportunity to explore a replacement.

During the last 18 months, our Ladder Truck Committee, comprised of Lt. Brandon Dimacchia, Lt. Kevin Somerville, Ff. Jason Goodwin and Ff. Mark Obran, undertook an extensive investigation of currently available makes, models and options. We presented City Council with a recommendation that was not only the most economical, but also uniquely tailored to the needs of Bay Village.

Here are a few details about our new ladder truck, a 2018 Pierce 107' Ascendant:

- It is an efficient outlay. When purchased new, this ladder truck arrives with a sticker price exceeding \$1.2 million. However, the Committee was able to locate and secure a “demo” unit for \$850,000. At one year old and with only 15,000 miles on the odometer, the manufacturer warranties this unit as new, but at a substantial 30% savings.
- It is a “Quint” configuration. That is to say that it is equipped with all five major fire apparatus functions: pump, water tank, fire hose, aerial device and ground ladders. Rather than being constrained to perform-



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

The aerial device on the Bay Village Fire Department's new ladder truck reaches 107 feet.

- ing only the traditional “ladder truck” operations of laddering and venting, this allows our new ladder truck the versatility of doing anything on the fireground that the BVFD needs it to do.
- Speaking of flexibility, the new ladder truck is also smaller and lighter than the old one. This allows the BVFD to fit the truck into tighter spaces, because it has one less axle, a smaller profile, a tighter turning radius, and reduced “jack spread” (which is a measure of the width of the truck with its stabilizers deployed). This is particularly important with the some of the recently completed attached-housing developments and those planned for the future.
- And, even while it is more nimble than the old model, the new ladder truck has a longer reach. That gigantic ladder atop the truck is called the aerial device and, where the previous truck had a 75-foot aerial device, the new truck reaches to 107 feet. For the first time in history, the BVFD will be able extend to key places that were previously unattainable. For instance, the tops of both the Knick-

- erbocker Apartments and Cashel-mara Condominiums are now attainable. The BVFD will also be able to get even closer to numerous homes with deeper setbacks (on Lake Road, for instance) that were simply beyond the 75-foot ladder. What's more, the aerial device on the new ladder truck can also be set up and deployed 30% faster than the old truck, saving precious minutes for someone in desperate need of help.
  - The new ladder truck is also equipped with the latest technological and safety advances, which are too numerous to list, but include: airbags and side roll protection; backup camera; LED-lighted ladder rungs; 25% more storage for tools and equipment; and a fully-enclosed pump panel and hose bed to shield important pumping components from northeast Ohio weather and road salt.
- The BVFD is very pleased with its new ladder truck, and hopes that you will take a minute to stop by the Fire Department any time you may have a few free minutes, and allow them to show you the new Truck 16. ●

## Sacred Conversations continue at Dover UCC

by JOHN RINEHART

Sacred Conversations will continue at Dover Congregational UCC with a presentation of the one-act play, “Bound Together,” on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 7:00 p.m. The play is about Frances Ellen Watkins Harper who was born in 1825, a “free woman of color” when others of her race were enslaved. Frances was an extraordinary “person of color” – poet,

abolitionist, essayist, public speaker, journalist, suffragist and published novelist. “Bound Together,” written by local playwright, Kelly Boyer Sagert and directed by Dave MacKeigan, explores Harper's life, revealed while she and Hannah, a fictional white nurse with her own history, are caught in a blizzard in Harper's home. Debra Rose stars as Frances and Judy MacKeigan plays the role of Hannah, a poor Southern white

woman who has lived a different sort of life. The performance of “Bound Together” is part of the national conversation about the beginning of slavery in Jamestown 400 years ago. The audience will be invited to engage the actors in a post production conversation. Dover UCC is located at 2239 Dover Center Road, Westlake. Admission is free and open to the public. ●



# League of Women Voters holds Westlake candidates, issues forum

by BRUCE ROBINSON

The Westlake/North Olmsted chapter of the League of Women Voters sponsored a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at Porter Library. The following article contains highlights of the issues and candidates presented that evening. A full video can be seen on youtube.com (search “westlake league of women voters”).

### Westlake Issue 71: Renewal of Infrastructure Tax

Westlake voters will be asked on the Nov. 5 General Election ballot whether to renew a 0.375% income tax specifically designated for infrastructure needs. This includes funds to repair roadways, storm sewers, water lines, and retention basins in the city. Mayor Dennis Clough explained that 68% of Westlake residents who work outside the city receive a 100% tax credit. The remaining 32% who live outside Westlake but work in the city pay a 1.5% income tax. The 0.375% is part of this 1.5% tax that brings in an estimated \$8 million per year to fund infrastructure needs.

A special edition of the mayor’s newsletter that was mailed to residents in September (and available on www.cityofwestlake.org) lists key street and waterline projects completed since 1993. These projects represent the



Mayor Dennis M. Clough

majority of \$200 million of infrastructure funds brought into the city with this tax. This includes the recently completed upgrade to the Dover Center and Center Ridge roads intersection well known to Westlake residents. In addition, the newsletter lists future planned projects for the city. This includes the resurfacing of Hilliard Boulevard and Dover Center Road, widening of Detroit Road, a substantial number of water main and waterline projects, as well as general road maintenance.

Mayor Clough emphasized to the crowd that nearly filled the large meeting room at Porter Library this is a tax renewal and does not increase taxes for any Westlake resident. The 1.5% income tax for those working in Westlake but who live outside the city is equal to the income tax rate for neighboring Bay Village, Avon Lake and Olmsted Falls but lower than the 2.0% rate for the cities of Sheffield Lake, Fairview Park, Rocky River and North Olmsted.

“We want to maintain the lowest income tax rates that we currently do,” the mayor said. “We want to maintain the 100% credit for anyone who works outside the city but who lives here enjoys.”

### Cuyahoga County Issue 3: Tri-C Renewal & Increase Levy

The Tri-C tax levy is a county-wide issue on the Nov. 5 ballot. Issue 3 is a 1.9 mill tax renewal and a 0.4 mill tax increase. The cost is said to be an increase of \$1.17 per month for every \$100,000 in home value.

While noting that Tri-C just celebrated its 56th



Dr. Terri Pope

birthday, Dr. Terri Pope, president of the Tri-C Westshore Campus in Westlake, commented: “While it was the Ohio state legislature that allowed Tri-C to exist as this region’s community college, it was the voters of Cuyahoga County with their levy that actually brought Tri-C to life. Since that day our college, the community’s college, has been dependent on those levy funds for our operating expenses.”

Dr. Pope emphasized the need for the

levy, that 23% of Tri-C’s funding comes from student tuition (which is the lowest tuition rate for any college in Ohio), 26% comes from state funds, and the remaining 50% is from operating levies such as this one.

### Westlake Board of Education Candidates

There are three open positions to the Westlake School Board and four candidates on the Nov. 5 ballot. Board members serve 4-year terms and receive, by Ohio statute, no more than \$5,000 per year in compensation. The contested race features two incumbents: Robert G. Stoll and Joe Kraft who are both completing their first terms, and two newcomers: Liz Pirnat and Anne Barrett.

Three of the candidates appeared at the League of Women Voters Candidate Forum at Porter Library on Oct. 1. Joe Kraft was not present at the forum but a submitted statement was read by the moderator, Joyce Schroth, on his behalf.

The three candidates present – Liz Pirnat, Robert Stoll and Anne Barrett – responded to a wide range of audience questions and topics:

- Vision of Westlake Schools for the next four years
- Gun violence and school security
- Attendance at Westlake School Board meetings
- Westlake Chinese School and Chinese language offerings
- Salaries of Westlake teachers
- Use of empty school buildings
- Familiarity with district operations
- High school curriculum
- Strategic plan for Westlake Schools
- Most admired characteristics of a school superintendent
- Relationship of schools to non-profit community groups
- Inclusiveness and diversity in our schools
- Needed skills for graduating high school students

The candidates also delivered opening and closing remarks to the attentive and appreciative forum audience. ●



Robert G. Stoll



Joe Kraft



Liz Pirnat



Anne M. Barrett

## Basket of Treasures Craft Show and Marketplace

by WENDY KOLODKIN

The Westlake Women’s Club will present its annual Basket of Treasures Craft Show and Marketplace. This long running annual event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Westlake High School on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Once again, this show will feature a variety of artisans offering holiday items, home decor, jewelry, art, clothing, pottery, gifts and so much more. Over 50 vendors will be selling their handmade items this year, including

several new artists as well as old favorites. There will also be a bake sale, raffle baskets and a lunch menu. The admission is \$3 per adult with 12 and under free. No strollers are allowed.

The Westlake Women’s Club was established over 50 years ago to provide community support and service while fostering friendship among its members. The proceeds from this event provide scholarships to high school seniors living in Westlake and grants to local community agencies. For more information, email westlakewomensclub@gmail.com. ●

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# CrossPointe seminar focuses on dealing with difficult situations

by NELSON BLOUNT

CrossPointe Community is offering a training seminar from a new book by author Dr. Myke Merrill from Hilton, New York. Dr. Merrill will be at CrossPointe on Saturday, Oct. 26, 5-8 p.m., and Friday, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m. The cost for the training is \$20 and includes Dr. Merrill's book, "Why Do People Act That Way ... And What Can I Do About It?" plus a pizza and beverage.

Dr. Merrill will teach practical skills to disentangle complicated or difficult situations and relationships. It will give you insights into the four key complexes of the mind and how they shape our sense of reality, while also offering tools for accurate understanding and effective resolution of the five emotional systems. It will help you ask questions, get answers, and then ask better questions. Finally, it will help you to identify your own storyline in a

way that may help you resolve some lifelong issues.

CrossPointe's "Reality Check" program is not some clinical or academic system you have to learn a bunch of techniques like you might in yoga or martial arts or memorization tricks. It doesn't come out of books or laboratories. This is life. It's called a training seminar but it's actually not really that. It's not a course of study. It's not a cool technique for getting through stress. It's how to perceive, how to respond, how to think, and how to choose to act or not act.

We all struggle to deal with what can happen in life. You might blame God, since God is supposed to be all loving, all powerful and all knowing – all at the same time – but it breaks down for you. You might blame your parents or yourself. Or your neighborhood. Or your disabilities. Or fate. Or something else. This will be the focus of our conversation. ●

# Westlake resident adds to annual Halloween display

by MEL MAURER

Each year, not long after I take in the various figures my wife, Elaine, and I have out on our driveway and porch in October for Halloween, I'm asked who I will be making next. My short answer always, "I don't know." I don't give any thought to that until the following spring, usually after some sort of inspiration.

This year the great success of the last Avengers movie encouraged me to make Ironman, and a request by our great-grandson, 5-year-old Stephen, prompted me to make a second figure, his favorite – Black Panther. Before these, I was able to make Linus to join my Peanuts family. Linus was completed in time to join all my figures on display at Porter Library in May.

I have more figures now than room to display them so I save the Peanuts gang for a Charlie Brown Christmas

showing in December. All other figures will be out the first week in October at 1988 Sperry's Forge Trail in Westlake. Visits and photos are welcome. ●



Ironman, ready for Halloween.

## LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

# No tricks, just treats

by MORGAN PASKERT

Join Lake Erie Nature & Science Center on Friday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m. for its annual Halloween Celebration & Hayride.

Put on your costume and trick-or-treat through the Center's Wildlife Gardens. Make a Halloween craft, hop on a hayride and view the stars at a

family-friendly holiday show in Schuele Planetarium. Dinner is included at this non-scary celebration.

This program is for all ages. Fee: \$15/adults; \$5/children; children 2 and under are free (includes dinner). Halloween Celebration & Hayride sells out each year, please register in advance at [www.lenesc.org](http://www.lenesc.org) or by calling 440-871-2900. Hayrides run rain or shine. ●



Interactions with Lake Erie Nature & Science Center wildlife are part of the Halloween fun during the annual celebration and hayride.

# Bay Village Kiwanis holds 2nd annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser

by STAN GRISNIK

The Bay Village Kiwanis Club Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is just around the corner, on Saturday, Nov. 9. The location is Bay Presbyterian Church, 25415 Lake Road. Pasta along with salad, dessert and a beverage will be served from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Master chef Tony Dostal will be serving up his special homemade pasta sauce, the result of hours of painstaking preparation. Tony has been making this sauce for the past 42 years. You can dine in or carry out, but either way you owe it to yourself to try Tony's pasta dinner for the low cost of \$10 per adult, \$5 for children 6-12, with children 5 and under free.

The Bay Village Kiwanis Club, in order to continue and expand our sup-

port of the youth and other activities in our community, country and around the world, has for the second year kept alive the tradition of the popular Boy Scout Troop 235 Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Last year Bay Kiwanis members who were a part of Troop 235 proposed the idea of continuing the fundraiser when the troop ceased. It was a huge success. Let us make this year another successful year.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Call Linda Potter at 440-899-9343 for more information or to purchase tickets. You can also contact any Bay Village Kiwanis Club member for tickets.

If you would like to learn more about Bay Village Kiwanis and what we do, visit [bayvillage-oh.kiwanisone.org](http://bayvillage-oh.kiwanisone.org) for more information and meeting dates. ●

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# Westlake Kiwanis officers pass the gavel

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

Oct. 1 ushers in a new Kiwanis year and the Westlake Kiwanis installed their new officers. Immediate past president Suzanne Rusnak passed the gavel to incoming president Ray Budoi at their October meeting. Rusnak thanked the club for all their help during her term, helping making it a successful Kiwanis year. Budoi thanked Rusnak for her service.

Budoi laid out his agenda for the

coming Kiwanis year, hoping to connect with the local community and to continue to serve the children of Westlake. Please consider joining

the Westlake Kiwanis to help serve the youth of Westlake. Also installed were Kiwanis officers: President Elect Kevin Walker, Vice President Bonnie Smith, Secretary Vic Rutkoski, Recording Secretary Norm Resko, Treasurer George Christ and Assistant Treasurer Judie Cunningham. ●



New president Ray Budoi receives the Kiwanis gavel from past president Suzanne Rusnak as recording secretary Norm Resko looks on.

PHOTO BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI

# Westlake Recreation readies for youth basketball leagues

Westlake Recreation is currently registering children for our Youth Basketball Leagues. Children who live in the city of Westlake or attend a Westlake school are eligible to participate. Grade divisions are: Boys K, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 and High School. Girls K, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7-9. Child must be enrolled in kindergarten to participate in the kindergarten program. Practice will be held once a week

beginning Nov. 18. Games will be held on Saturdays, Dec. 7 through Feb. 29. Volunteer coaches are needed for all divisions. Fees vary based on grade level. Deadline to register is Nov. 3. For more information, download the Rec Gazette at [www.cityofwestlake.org/287/Recreation](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/287/Recreation), or contact Rakayla Iwais 440-808-5700, ext. 3426. ●

# Friends of Bay Village Library used book sale starts Oct. 26

by LINDA LAMB

The Friends of the Bay Village Library Fall Used Book Sale begins Saturday, Oct. 26, at 9:00 a.m. and runs through Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 7:00 p.m. The sale is held in the meeting room of the library during regular library hours. There is a large selection of books for readers of all ages as well as magazines, DVDs, CDs, audio books and more. All materials have been

categorized for easy shopping. Tuesday, the last day of the sale, is bag day when a full bag of books costs \$1. Bags are provided by the library. Proceeds from the sale are used to support upcoming library programs and activities. For more information on the book sale, volunteering to help with the sale, or becoming a member of the Friends of the Bay Village Library, visit the library at 502 Cahoon Road, or call 440-871-6392. ●

# THE MEDICAL INSIDER Bacon and red meat: A hard ‘no’?

by DIANA PI, M.D.

On Oct. 1, the Annals of Internal Medicine published several studies on the health consequences of consuming red and processed meat. Their conclusion: Cutting down on red meat did nothing to smaller-ish nothing to improve our health.

The scientific and public health sectors are incensed.

The World Health Organization lists processed meat as a carcinogen, red meat as a potential carcinogen. The 2015-2020 U.S. Dietary Guidelines recommend limiting red meat to one, 3 ounce serving per week (steak the size of a deck of cards). The Harvard School of Public Health pitched a fit. Their 2012 study showed each extra daily serving of processed meat could increase the risk of death by 20 percent.

But! Haven't we been here before? Butter, eggs, coffee, breakfast, no breakfast, low-fat, low-salt ... Now the devils are sugar and highly-processed carbs. Yesterday's news flash: "Cheese causes breast cancer." Today: "Mediterranean diet lifts depression."

By the way, it's not clear if white meat or seafood are better. Chicken, the tofu of meat, became the default meat choice in the U.S., even though its health benefit isn't well studied. Fish oil supplements fail again and again to reduce heart attack and stroke risks in studies.

I belong to the American College of Working-in-the-Real-World. I have limited time to discuss diet and exercise in clinic; you have limited time to diet and exercise. Our struggle is less about sirloin steak versus celery smoothie, and more about prioritizing.

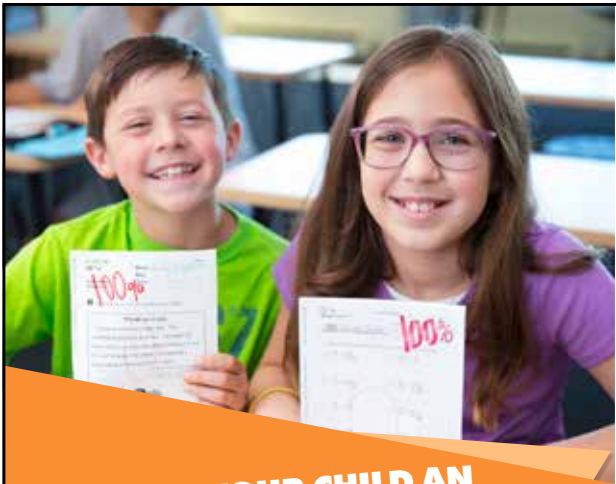
I propose four simple steps to construct a healthy diet:

Step 1: Count calories. You need to know, roughly, how many calories you can consume daily. There are two easy ways to find out: a table at [health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015/guidelines/appendix-2](http://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015/guidelines/appendix-2); or an online calculator at [www.calculator.net/calorie-calculator.html](http://www.calculator.net/calorie-calculator.html). Based on age, sex and activity level, I calculated I burn about 1,800 calories daily.

Step 2: Choose your carbohydrates wisely. Americans' excess calories come mostly from carbs; yet few eat enough fiber. The evidence for fiber's health benefit is strong. You need about 30 grams per day. What I do: I love a black-bean salad. Takes five minutes to assemble. Two cups (600 calories total) get me close to the 30 gm-daily-fiber requirements. Done for the day.

Step 3: For the rest of your calories, you do you. My neighbor loves a marbled rib eye, can't live without meat for a day. A friend won't eat red meat because it's calorific. My tree-hugger kids don't eat meat – or fish – because of the environmental impact. Livestock is one of the biggest contributors of greenhouse gas; cows, by far, are the worst. And overfishing ... sigh. So, you do you. Whatever the bad-boy-food-of-the-day is, moderation is key. What's more important: Be mindful of your *total* caloric consumption. To put things in perspective, research estimates diets *high* in processed meat contribute to about 34,000 cancer deaths per year worldwide. In comparison, smoking contributes to 1 million cancer deaths; air pollution, more than 200,000.

And finally, Step 4: Pray you got Grandma's genes. Nana fries eggs in bacon fat, keeps a small garden of heirloom tomatoes, still runs your life at 92. Could see an upside in the end of the world. Please, *please* let her DNA be your dominant traits. ●



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# Westlake Porter Public Library Late October Events

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, Oct. 16, 23 and 30 (9:30 & 10:15 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, Oct. 16 (3-4:30 p.m.) **Tween Scene** – Drop in after school to play board games and video games with your friends. Snacks will be provided. Grades 5-6.

Wednesdays, Oct. 16, 23 and 30 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursday, Oct. 17 (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. Dogs will stay for 10 minutes past the last registered reader or 1.5 hours, whichever comes first. Sign-ups begin Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) **Cuyahoga West Genealogical Society** – Dorothy Titera from the Westlake Family History Center will present “Genealogical Roundtable: Honoring Our Military Ancestors.”

Wednesday, Oct. 16 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Garden Club Presents Medical Marijuana** – Dr. Dvora Nelson of Lakewood Medical Clinic will discuss the benefits of medicinal marijuana for some common diseases that fall under Ohio's qualifying conditions. Please register.

Thursdays, Oct. 17, 24 and 31 (4-5 p.m., Grades 3-4) and Mondays, Oct. 21 and 28 (4-5 p.m., Grades 3-8) **Code Club!** – Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Registration begins a week before each session. Please register for just one session per week.

Thursday, Oct. 17 (Preschool session: 6:30 p.m.) and Friday, Oct. 18 (Preschool session: 9:30 a.m.; Toddler session: 11:30 a.m.) **Teach Me to Play** – Do you want to help your child learn to play with others? Are you looking to give your child more social opportunities? Your child will enjoy playing with other children while practicing language and social skills. Since you attend together, you will have the opportunity to interact with experts who can provide strategies for dealing with problem behaviors and offer tips for increasing your child's communication skills. Specifically designed for children ages 18 months-6 years who are struggling in an area of development. Register at [connectingforkids.org/register](http://connectingforkids.org/register) or by calling 440-250-5908.

Friday, Oct. 18 (10-10:45 a.m.) **Come Play With Me!** – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys. For children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome.

Saturday, Oct. 19 (10:30-11 a.m.) **Family Storytime** – An interactive family storytime featuring books, rhymes, songs, movement and a small craft. For families with children ages 2-6. Siblings welcome.

Saturday, Oct. 19 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) **Escape Artists Writers Group** – This group meets monthly to provide guidance, encouragement, inspiration and feedback for those looking to improve their writing skills.

Saturday, Oct. 19 (1-2 p.m.) **Did You Know That Stress Can Cause Cognitive Decline?** – Learn how stress affects your brain and ways to reduce and deal with the stressors in your life. Join us and Kemper Cognitive Wellness and change the way that you feel. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 19 (2-2:45 p.m.) **All Aboard the LEGO Train** – The LEGO Coding Train has arrived! Hop aboard and learn through play about coding concepts while building your train's adventure. Ages 4-6. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 19 (2-4 p.m.) **Craftapalooza** – Come to the library and help us clean out our craft closet. A variety of make-it and take-it crafts will be available in the Youth Services Department. All ages.

Saturday, Oct. 19 (2-5 p.m.) **Queer Flicks @ Porter** – Join us for a screening of the film “Tomboy.” A mix-and-mingle session complete with refreshments will follow the screening. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 19 (3:30-5 p.m.) **STEAM-Maker Lab: Marvelous Metals** – During 2019's International Year of the Periodic Table, Celebrate Chemistry Week we'll take a look at metals! Grades 3-5. Please register.

Sunday, Oct. 20 (2-3 p.m.) **American Girl Doll Club** – 2018 Girl of the Year Luciana Vega is a girl with a head for science and her heart set on exploring Mars. We will talk about space, play games and do a theme-related craft. Ages 6-11. Please register.

Mondays, Oct. 21 and 28 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) **Teen Lounge** – We have computers, video games, board games, snacks and more! For grades 7-12 only.

Mondays, Oct. 21 and 28 (7-8:30 p.m.) **American Sign Language Basics** – If you ever wanted to learn ASL, now is your chance! Join us for drop-in sessions on Mondays. Instructor June Pritchard will teach the basics of this visual, gestural language used most often by the hearing impaired.

Monday, Oct. 21 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Investors' Interest Group: Why Is Market Timing So Difficult?** – Market timing implies attempts to predict future price behavior and trend changes, using some form of modeling to create the forecast. Past efforts have had limited success because modeling typically assumes some form of linear behavior, while reality is much more complex. The resulting conundrums will be discussed, along with some alternative solutions. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 22 (10:30-11 a.m.) **Tree Tale Teller** – Tree Tale Tellers from Holden Arboretum are sharing special stories all about trees! For children ages 2-1/2 to 5, siblings welcome.

Tuesday, Oct. 22 (1-1:45 p.m.) **Sensory Stations** – Engage your child's senses by scooping, pouring, sorting and more with a variety of fun materials. For children (ages 2-7) with special needs, their families, and their typical siblings or peers.

Tuesdays, Oct. 22 and 29 (2-3:30 p.m.) **Conversational Spanish** – Learn Spanish vocabulary and pronunciation with

an expert instructor.

Tuesday, Oct. 22 (5:30-8:30 p.m.) **Understanding Mindfulness** – Mindfulness is the practice of being aware of your mind and body moment by moment to create a feeling of well being. Why would we want to become aware of depression, panic attacks, chronic pain, stress, depression, anger or fear? What we resist, persists. Awareness gives a sense of control and calm to these feeling and emotions and changes the chemistry in the brain. This class will include the scientific facts, explanations as well as demonstrations with class participation. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 22 (7-8:45 p.m.) **Paul Landis: Mrs. Kennedy's Secret Service Detail** – Paul Landis, as a young Secret Service agent, was attached to Jackie Kennedy's Secret Service detail on that fateful day in November 1963. Please register.

Wednesday, Oct. 23 (2 p.m.) **Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion** – The October selection is “The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah.

Wednesday, Oct. 23 (7-8 p.m.) **Tech Lab: e-Health Devices** – Discover the latest tech gadgets for health such as smart watches, home EKGs, and meditation devices in a blended lecture and hands-on demo. Please register.

Wednesday, Oct. 23 (7-7:30 p.m.) **Mix-It Up!** – Let's mix it up with fun fall activities! We'll be getting messy so be sure to wear play clothes! Ages 4-16. Please register.

Thursday, Oct. 24 (noon-1:30 p.m.) **Small Business Lunch & Learn: Email Marketing Quickstart** – Email marketing: can't live with it, can't survive without it! Kick start your email marketing strategy with today's step by step walk-through of an email marketing tool. Please register.

Thursday, Oct. 24 (6:30-8 p.m.) **Connecting for Kids' Speaker Series** – Does your child struggle with self-doubt? Is motivation an issue? Is schoolwork completed to the best of his or her abilities? Learn how encouraging a growth mindset for your child, and developing a growth mindset in parenting, can help your child develop resilience in thinking and actions. Free, supervised children's activities are available, but adults and children must register separately. Register at [connectingforkids.org/register](http://connectingforkids.org/register) or by calling 440-250-5908.

Friday, Oct. 25 (11-11:45 a.m.) and Thursday, Oct. 31 (6-6:45 p.m.) **Adapted Storytime** – Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a safe supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences is encouraged. This 30-minute storytime followed by a time for socialization is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared to ages 3-7 but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend but must register separately. Registration begins one week before each session.

Friday, Oct. 25 (4-4:45 p.m.) **Got Science?** – Challenge yourself to build a stable structure with the items provided. Grades 1 and 2. Registration begins Oct. 18.

Saturday, Oct. 26 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Digital Photography** – Take your pictures from drab to fab! Learn the techniques and fundamentals of producing amazing photographs from the experts at Dodd Camera. Bring your own digital camera or

smartphone to use. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 26 (10 a.m.-noon) **Basic Flower Arranging** – Create a fall flower arrangement in a small glass bowl using fresh flowers. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 26 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) **Halloween Fun!** – Join us for some spook-tacular Halloween crafts! All ages. While supplies last.

Saturday, Oct. 26 (10:30 a.m.-noon) **Investing Demystified!: Why Buy Stocks?** – Kathleen Richards, director of NEO Better Investing, will talk about how to build wealth, buy more stock and pay less, be safe by “not putting all your eggs in one basket,” and have long-term success with quality growth stocks. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 26 (1:30-3 p.m.) **Medicare Update** – Medicare Open Enrollment is Oct. 15-Dec. 7. Join us for an Ohio Department of Insurance OSHIIP presentation providing timely information regarding Medicare coverage options. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 26 (2-4 p.m.) **Chainmaille Bracelet or Earrings** – Learn how to make a Chainmaille bracelet or pair of earrings. Chainmaille is a special way of putting jump rings together to make jewelry. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 26 (2-3 p.m.) **Brick Builders** – Love those bricks? Bring your ideas and imagination! Lego and Duplo bricks provided. For ages 3-12.

Sunday, Oct. 27 (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.

Sunday, Oct. 27 (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! Grades 3-6. Registration begins Oct. 20.

Monday, Oct. 28 (1-1:30 p.m.) **Yoga Time!** – This is a perfect way to introduce yoga and practice simple poses. Remember to wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Ages 3 and up with a caregiver; siblings welcome.

Tuesday, Oct. 29 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Hanging Out with Lee Harvey Oswald** – Meet Joseph Reardon, who met Lee Harvey Oswald prior to his assassinating President Kennedy. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 29 (7-8 p.m.) **Breakout: Haunted Halloween Edition** – Similar to an escape room, this breakout challenge will test your ability to work together, solve the clues and escape from the demons of the night. Grades 7-12. Registration begins Oct. 22.

Wednesday, Oct. 30 (7-8 p.m.) **An Evening of Poetry with Elise Panehal** – Join local writer and musician Elise Panehal for an evening of poetry! Elise will bring copies of her book, “The Girl Who Couldn't Talk Dirty,” which can be purchased following the event. Please register.

Wednesday, Oct. 30 (7:30-9 p.m.) **Westlake Westshore Arts Council: FYI Opera** – The Arts Council presents students from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

**To register for any of the programs, please call 440-871-2600 or visit events.westlakelibrary.org/events. ●**



# 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 2020 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 30,000 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 welcome 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 Dennis Driscoll, 440-808-1560. It's a great program and we will welcome your help. ●

## BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY THEATER

# Tis the season ... for a ghost story!

by MARGARET HNAT

Join Bay Village Community Theater for a scary good time when they present a staged reading of Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Adapted and directed by Preston Postle, Irving's 1820 tale is considered one of America's first ghost stories ... and its scariest.

Featuring the talents of Jenny Erbs, Zack Mitchell and Ben Saylor, performances are Saturday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m., at O'Neill Healthcare Bay Village, 605 Bradley Road; and Sunday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m., at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Parkside Hall, 468 Bradley Road. Performances are free! ●

## WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# A ghost hunter's journey into the unknown

by JOANNE PENKALSKI

Do you love a good ghost story? Are you drawn to the paranormal? Westlake Porter Public Library welcomes ghost hunter and author Greg Feketik on Monday, Oct. 28, from 7-8:30 p.m. Join us for "Insights into the Unknown" and hear about Greg's ghost-hunting adventures as chronicled in his first book of the same title and his newest release, "Roads into the Unknown: A Ghost Hunter's Journey Continues." Books will be available for purchase following the presentation.

Feketik is a native Clevelander who's always been fascinated by the "unknown." Greg conducted his first investigation in 1991 for a friend who believed his house was haunted, and

he and his wife, Kathy, have been investigating together since 2003. They are organizers for ParPsyCon (formerly the Psychic and Paranormal Fair held at the old St. Joseph Hospital) held at the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield, where he is the lead investigator. Feketik is a voracious reader of all things mysterious and credits Jay Anson's "The Amityville Horror" from 1977 for cementing his interest in ghosts, poltergeists and hauntings.

During the month of October, Westlake Porter Public Library has several scary displays featuring books and movies to get you



Spooky imagery adorns the cover of Greg Feketik's book.

in the Halloween spirit. More materials can be accessed via our streaming services. Download the Hoopla app and access 6,000-plus ghost-themed movies, ebooks, audiobooks and music CDs!

If you enjoy international cinema, the Kanopy app also features a selection of movies, both creative and documentaries, on the topic of ghosts and paranormal. And for those who prefer a more traditional mystery, the Acorn TV app features many BBC and Acorn TV originals

including great series like "Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries," "Midsomer Murders" and classics like Agatha Christie and Poirot. Stop by the Ask Us desk and we'd be happy to help you track down a title or assist you with our many free streaming services.

"Insights into the Unknown" is a free event but space is limited so please register by calling 440-871-2600 or go online to our event calendar at [westlake-library.org/events](http://westlake-library.org/events). ●

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Tuesday, Oct. 29**

*Tuesday is bag day when patrons can buy a bag of books for \$1.00 with bags being supplied by the Friends.*

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Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
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# Science Experiment: Mealworms!

Third-graders study many different areas in science, but life science is one of their favorites. In our life science unit, the students explored animal grouping, life cycles and adaptations. Our science textbook included a study of animal life cycles by looking at frogs and monarch butterflies. The students only read about them and looked at photographs; for a fun hands-on experiment, each student got a mealworm so that they could see a life cycle in action. The mealworm is really the larva stage of a black mealworm beetle. Students had fun experimenting with their mealworms and then watching them go through two life stages: pupa and adult. After the four-week lesson, a few students chose to write a paragraph about what they learned. Here are two great articles written by my third-graders. – Kristen Thomas, Westerly School

## Mealworm Life Cycle

by MADELYN HUGHES and EVA MAILE

Our third-grade class at Westerly School has been studying mealworms

and its life cycle. We already knew about a butterfly's life cycle but not a mealworm's so this was new to us! We learned a mealworm turns from an egg to a larva. Then it turns into a pupa. The last life cycle stage is a beetle. In the wild, mealworms are hard to see.

Our first week during the experiment, our class had 23 larvae. We kept the larvae in small containers with a small amount of oatmeal. The mealworms were small but such a handful. First, you had to watch your mealworm all the time when it was out of the container. Mealworms are really fast! Second, you don't have to feed them a lot. Some larvae ate potatoes but others were not interested. Third, you can't put water in the oatmeal or the oatmeal will get moldy and your mealworm might die.



Eva and Madelyn showing off their mealworms!

By the third week, 11 larvae turned to pupas! The pupas looked white with some brown. Sometimes they would wiggle so we knew it was still alive. We had to wait until the fourth week before some pupas turned to beetles! The beetles are fast but they don't fly. It turns dark brown or black. That's all about our mealworms. ●

## Mealworm Experiments

by SCARLETT COLEMAN and CLAIRE EDELMAN

On Sept. 4, Westerly School got mealworms! Actually, Mrs. Thomas, our teacher, brought in mealworms that she bought at the pet store. We got the mealworms to observe and experiment with them.

First, we added a drop of water on them using an eye dropper. Both of our mealworms drank the water. Some of our classmates' mealworms moved its front part of the body up and down to get the water off. Then for our next experiment, we blew on them. One of our mealworms stayed still while the other one moved. The last experiment

was to tap on the desk. One mealworm looked up and the other did nothing.

We also were given index cards and paper clips. One mealworm went down a ramp built from the index card. The mealworms also slept under a little tent made out of the index card. The other mealworm climbed up the paperclip.

They were larvae for a couple weeks then after that, they turned into pupas. By the fourth week, some of them turned into beetles. We enjoyed having them at school and some students got to take them home. ●



Scarlett and Claire are holding the pupas and waiting for them to turn to beetles.

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**CURBSIDE COLLECTION**  
Every Tuesday; delayed one day for holidays  
Green recycle carts, blue trash carts, Simple Recycling bags, yard waste bags or cans marked "yard waste only."  
Yard waste collection ends Dec. 3.

**BULK TRASH COLLECTION**  
Tuesday of the third full week of the month  
Residents may put out 3 extra cans, 6 extra trash bags, furniture and non-freon appliances. Please donate usable items.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
Last Friday of the month, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Bay Village Service Garage, 31300 Naigle Road  
Accepted items: oil-based paint products, paint thinners, pesticides, pool chemicals, automotive fluids, etc.  
Not accepted: bulk items, tires, latex paints, ammunition, smoke detectors, medical waste, TV/VCR/DVD, etc.  
For complete list, visit [cityofbayvillage.com](http://cityofbayvillage.com) and click the Quick Link to access Refuse and Recycling Program.

**LEAF COLLECTION**  
Weather permitting, leaf collection begins Oct. 21 and ends Dec. 20. Rake leaves to curb; do not pile in street.

**BRANCHES AND BRUSH COLLECTION**  
Branches and brush too large to fit in yard waste bags may be bundled and placed at the curb for pickup year-round.

**HOLIDAY RECYCLING**  
LIGHT STRANDS may be dropped off for recycling during the Household Hazardous Waste Collections on Nov. 22 and Dec. 27.  
CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP, Dec. 26 to Feb. 1  
Place your live tree at the curb; remove all ornaments, lights and as much tinsel as possible. Please do NOT bag the tree – it is going to the Westlake/Bay compost facility.  
GIFT WRAP and BOXES may be recycled curbside in the recycle cart.

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**WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

# October is a busy month at the Clague House Museum

by LYSA STANTON

**O**ctober is a very busy month for the Westlake Historical Society and the historic Clague House Museum! Here are the programs we have coming up:

**Teddy Bear Sleepover:** Our fall Teddy Bear Sleepover is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Children are invited to drop off their teddy bear at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, to spend the night at the Clague House Museum. Teddy bear check-out is 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Children and their bears are invited to stay for our Fall Open House and Kids Sunday.

**Open House:** The Sunday, Oct. 20, open house at the Clague House Museum is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature a kids craft table, museum guided tours, and harvest-themed refreshments. Those wishing to take part in

the Teddy Bear Sleepover, please contact the society at 216-848-0680 to reserve your spot. There is no charge for the overnight or the open house event.

**General Meeting:** The Westlake Historical Society will hold their fall educational meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m., at the Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd. The meeting is open to all. Our speakers will be Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister, who will be presenting: "A Brief History of Historical Mourning Practices." Fall-themed refreshments will be served.

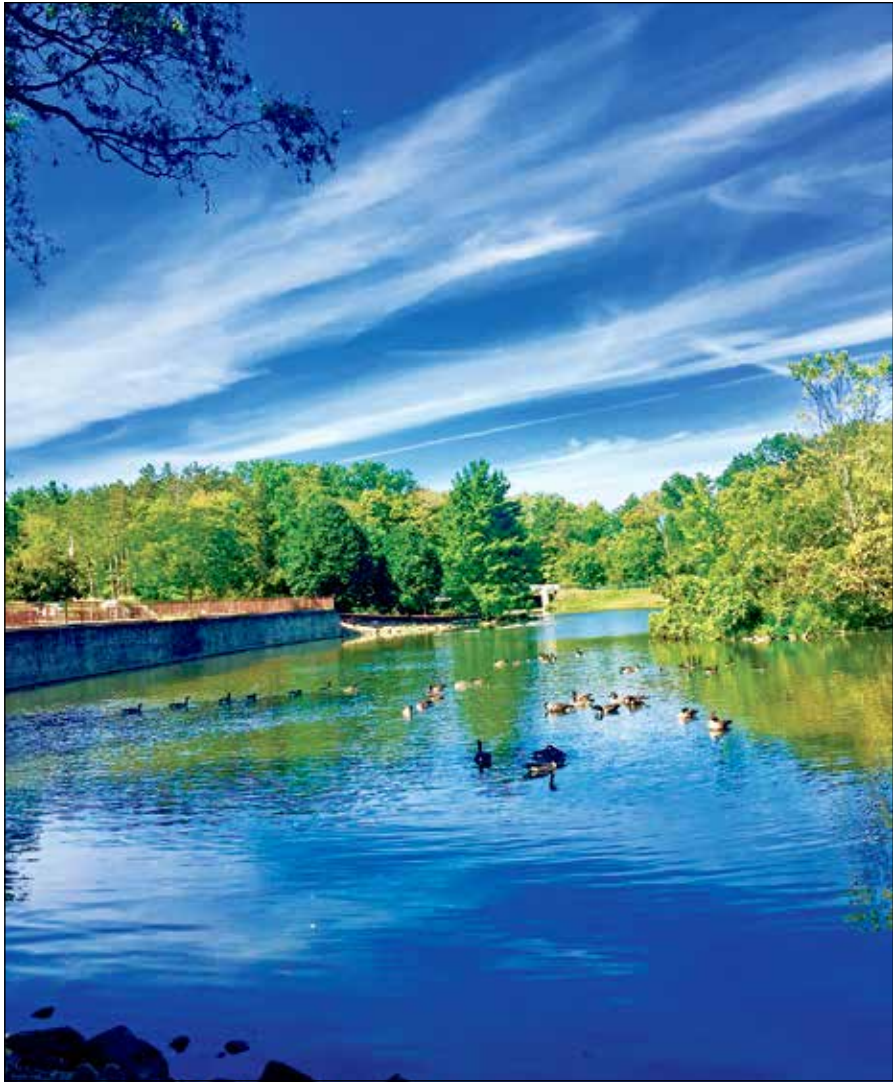
**Pet Photos:** The society will be offering fall-themed pet photos on Saturday Oct. 26, at the museum. Photos will begin at noon and reservations are requested by calling 216-848-0680. A \$10 donation is requested.

Clague House Museum is located at 1371 Clague Road, Westlake. ●

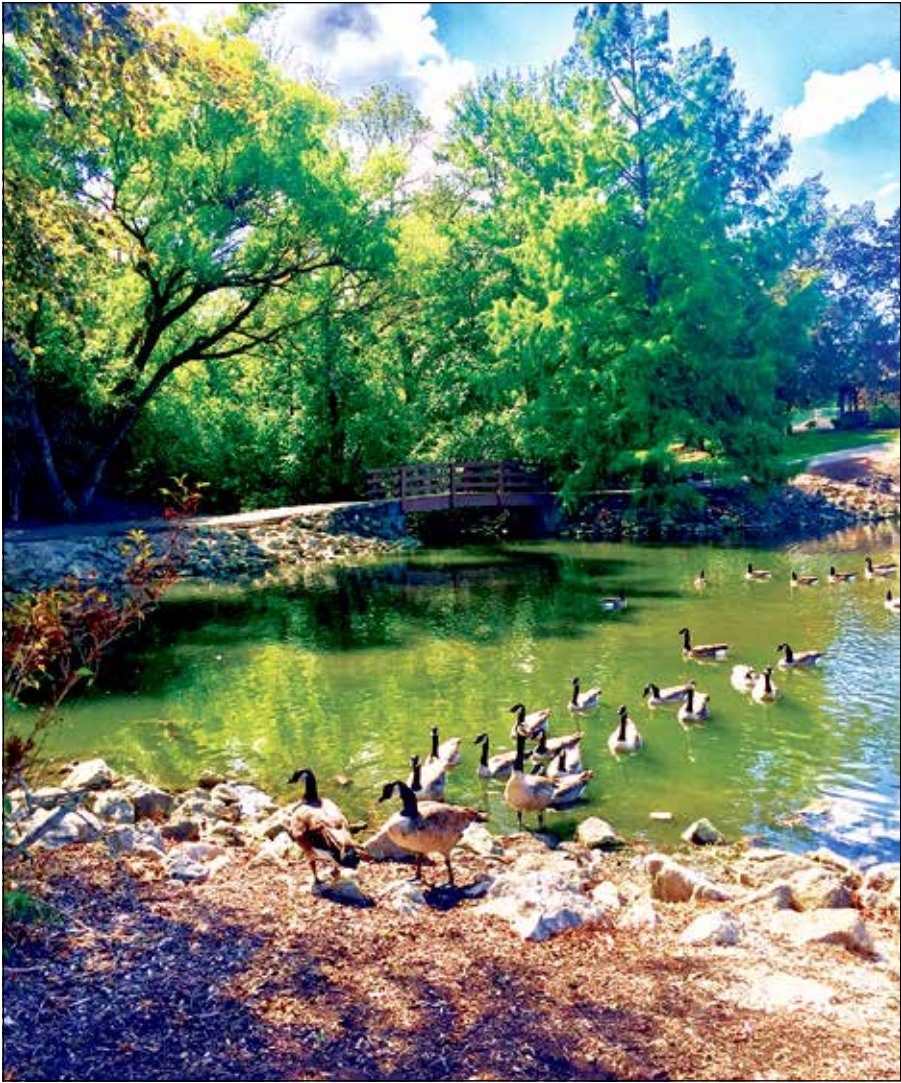


"Scarecrow" Dave Pfister of the Westlake Historical Society is getting ready for the society's many October events.

## Early fall colors at Clague Park by Carol Maat



Bright shades of green will soon give way to yellows, oranges and reds as the foliage undergoes its seasonal transition. Carol Maat of Westlake captured the beauty of an early fall afternoon at Clague Park.





# BAY-CON

**Sunday, Oct 20**  
**12-4 p.m.**  
**Free admission**  
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<b>Fall Art Show &amp; Open Studios</b> Fri. Oct 18, 6pm-10pm Sat. Oct 19, 10am-3pm <i>Resident artists and makers open their studios, plus tons of local and regional curated artists.</i>	<b>Small Business Saturday</b> Sat. Nov 30, 10am-4pm <i>Support your local artists and their small businesses by shopping local this year! Demos &amp; holiday preview events.</i>	<b>Holiday Market</b> Fri. Dec 20, 6pm-10pm Sat. Dec 21, 10am-6pm Sun. Dec 22, 10am-3pm <i>Our biggest show of the year is now 3 days! Unique gifts from more than 90 local and regional artists under one roof.</i>
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## Flowers celebrate positive approach to dementia care

by JERRY DEVIS

On the grounds of the Carolyn L. Farrell at the Center for Artful Living in Westlake are six large garden flowers. Each represents the Foundation's mission and celebration of care for individuals affected by dementia. The Farrell Foundation was created in 2011 and serves the community with a variety of arts enrichment programs at its Detroit Road location along with community outreach in Cleveland, Parma and Beachwood.

The large, three-dimensional flowers were created to raise awareness of dementia and its impact on society, families and the community. The Foundation stresses and supports a positive approach for

dementia care. The flowers are a beautiful statement and were the vision of artist and Westlake resident Lee Ann Eyre. Lee Ann orchestrated the creation of the pieces and guided the participants with dementia and their care partners along with volunteers to create the large flowers on wooden cutouts, using recycled bottle caps and environmentally safe materials. Hundreds of bottle caps were collected for the project by participants and resi-

dents of the Knickerbocker Apartments in Bay Village.

The Farrell Foundation holds daily programs in art, music, dance/movement, storytelling and improv at its Center for Artful Living at 26633 Detroit

Road in Westlake. The programs make a difference in the lives that they touch. They offer an avenue to socialization and a safe place for participants to be themselves and express their creativity while enhancing their quality of life. ●



Participants with dementia and their care partners created large flowers at the Center for Artful Living using recycled bottle caps.

## Fall into Zentangle

by JERRY DEVIS

A new exhibit is coming to the Center for Artful Living in Westlake, featuring work by local Zentangle artists. The artists are students of Judy Montgomery from Lakewood, who is a Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT). Judy has been teaching Zentangle at the Rocky River Senior Center for the past seven years.



An example of Zentangle art.

She has a large following of local Zentangle practitioners and 15 of those artists are participating in the exhibit at the Center.

Zentangle art is a method of drawing structured patterns that helps artists relax, focus and expand their imaginations. The patterns are used to fill what are called "strings," various shaped spaces that fill an artist's piece. Shading with pencil is usually added to show dimension and contrast.

This is a show you won't want to miss! An art reception will take place on Friday, Oct. 18, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Center for Artful Living, 26633 Detroit Road. The exhibit will run through Dec. 4. It is free and open to the public Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ●

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# St. Lads to host Browns watch party on Nov. 3

by MICHAEL DICKEY

The Westlake Area Youth (WAY) Group of St. Ladislus Church in cooperation with the St. Ladislus Knights of Columbus will host a Browns football watch party at St. Ladislus in Cullen Hall on Sunday, Nov. 3. This game is against the Denver Broncos and game time is 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 which includes your first hot dog. Other goodies are available. If you bring a canned

good, you can receive a second hot dog.

Please come out and support the WAY group, the Knights and cheer on the Browns against the Broncos. All are welcome. Lots of prizes are available and a football signed by former Browns players is up for auction.

St. Ladislus is located at 2345 Bassett Road. This fund-raising event is to support the WAY Group for a major event in Indianapolis. Come out and join the fun. ●

## Bay Village Branch Library Upcoming Programs

by TARA MCGUINNESS

During World War II, more than 6,000 prisoners of war resided at Camp Perry near Port Clinton and its branch camps at Columbus, Rossford, Cambridge, Celina, Bowling Green, Defiance, Marion, Parma and Wilmington. Dr. Jim Van Keuren will delve into the neglected history of Ohio's POW camps when he joins us at the Bay Village branch library on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. He will sell and sign his book, "World War II POW Camps in Ohio," following the presentation.

### CHILDREN

Weekly Storytimes:

- 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. and 11 a.m.) **Family Storytime** - for all ages

Saturday, Nov. 9 (10 a.m.) **Pre-school STEAM** - Ages 3-5: Join us for stories and a hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) activity. Space is limited. Registration required.

### TEEN

Wednesdays (3-4 p.m.) **Teen Zone** - Grades 5 & up: Hang out with something fun to do after school - gaming, art, movies, technology and more! Parents/guardians must complete a Release and Hold Harmless form.

Thursday, Oct. 3 (3 p.m.) **Write**

**On** - Grades 5-8: Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises and activities to get your creativity flowing.

### ADULT

Saturday, Oct. 19 (2 p.m.) **Zero Waste** - Learn about the Zero Waste movement and ways you can live a more ecologically-friendly lifestyle. Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct. 30 (7 p.m.) **World War II POW Camps in Ohio: Author Dr. Jim Van Keuren** - See event description at top.

Friday, Nov. 1 (10 a.m.) **BAYarts Book Discussion** - Join friends, neighbors and library staff for a monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus. This month's book, "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean, is available at the library and BAYarts.

Monday, Nov. 4 (7 p.m.) **Ghosts and Legends of Northern Ohio** - Hauntings and eerie tales abound in Northern Ohio. Does Esther Hale, believed to have been executed for witchcraft, really haunt Columbiana County's Bowman Cemetery? Is Lonesome Lock on the Ohio and Erie Canal as haunted as rumors say? Do restless spirits stalk the rooms at the Wolf Creek Tavern in Norton and the Rider's Inn of Painesville? Do the ruins of Vermilion's Gore Orphanage echo with the ghastly wails of children said to have died in a fire long ago? Author William G. Krejci guides this supernatural journey through the most chilling legends of Northern Ohio. Some stories are debunked. Some longstanding mysteries are solved. Some new mysteries come to light.

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## SPORTING VIEWS

# The 4-1-1 on the 9-1-1

by JEFF BING

"9-1-1. State the nature of your emergency."  
"Yes, I would like to report a kidnapping."

"Kidnapping? That's serious, sir. The name of the victim?"

"Actually, it's more than one person ..."

"What? Okay, then how about you tell me the names of the victims?"

"I'd like to, but actually, I can't recall all of the names."

"Listen pal, are you aware that prank calling this number is a serious crime? We have more serious things to attend to here ..."

"Oh, did someone just arrive with a box of donuts?"

"Okay wiseguy, now you are in serious trouble--"

"I'm sorry, I'm just distraught about the kidnappings."

"Then give me some names, and pronto."

"Like I said, I can't recall all of them, but I do know most of..."

"Sir, are you calling from a retirement home? Mental institution?"

"Just hear me out. I'm calling about the Cleveland Browns."

"Then call a sports talk show. This ain't Trivisonno, you know."

"I feel blessed for that. But about the Browns. Someone has to have kidnapped the entire team, or at least most of them."

"The entire team, huh? Musta been one big getaway vehicle. Did anyone get a license plate number?"

"Would you cease with the sarcasm and just hear me out, please? I'm talking about

our pro football team."

"There you go again with the wisecracks."

"I'm sorry. What do you mean?"

"You called them 'pro' ..."

"I get it. Ha, ha, ha. NOW who's the comedian?"

"Okay buddy, suppose you tell me who has been kidnapped from the Browns."

"Odell Beckham Jr., for starters. The guy we traded for has been kidnapped and replaced by one not nearly as gifted."

"Like who?"

"The guy wearing number 13 right now looks more like Greg Little than Odell Beckham Jr."

"Wow, that's quite a switch. Anyone else?"

"Absolutely. Our quarterback used to be Baker Mayfield. The guy last year played like a NFL quarterback. Like Brian Sipe back in the day. This year, though, he plays like ..."

"Okay, I give up. He plays like who, then?"

"Brandon Weeden."

"Ouch, that's quite a difference. Anyone else?"

"Yeah. How about our head coach? Last year, Freddie Kitchens was heralded as the next Vince Lombardi. This year, he's been a bumbling oaf, and has looked more like ..."

"C'mon pal, spit it out. Like who?"

"Pat Shurmur."

"This is worse than I thought. We'll get right on it. But, based on the quality of football I've seen the last two decades, you know what you need to do next time the Cleveland Browns disappear?"

"No, what should I do?"

"Count your blessings and hope that those guys stay disappeared." ●

## THE DIGITAL WORLD

# Only 13 weeks left from today

by TAK SATO

That's 91 days, 2184 hours, 131,040 minutes, or 7,862,400 seconds. The writing on the wall is unmistakable: for most of us, we have to move off of Windows 7 before Jan. 14, 2020!

Sure, there is an annual paid option to extend, up to three years, the ability to continue to receive monthly security updates. Narrow criteria exists to use this option, officially christened as the Extended Security Update program ("ESU" for short), which requires your Windows 7 computer to be part of a volume licensing contract with Microsoft; it also has to be a certain "trim level" of Windows 7 operating system to even qualify. Hence, most residential users and many small businesses too are out of luck.

I've covered this topic a few times already but I was compelled to sound the alarm again. While shopping at an office supply store recently, I overheard a gentleman asking if he had to upgrade his beloved Windows "XP" com-

puter! Since this Windows 7 situation is similar to what we went through with Windows XP earlier, I took it as a sign to revisit the topic.

Mind you, it's not that your Windows 7 computer will cease to work on Jan. 14, 2020. Think of it like the expiration date on the carton of eggs. You may still eat scrambled eggs (but not with runny yolk) without getting a tummy ache using two days post-expiration eggs. I cannot say the same with an unsupported operating system; using Windows 7 without the monthly security patches, aka Band-Aids, post-expiration elevates the risk of being victimized while traveling the digital world.

Although Windows 7 was born more than 10 years ago, vulnerabilities that the nefarious can take advantage of were uncovered from day one of its existence. Microsoft, through the issuance of these monthly updates, patched these holes (hence the Band-Aid analogy patching wounds). You can imagine what may happen to your body if your wounds were exposed without bandages as

these wounds will become entry points for germs that can lead to infection.

It doesn't help that monthly updates for Windows 10 have been and continue to be problematic in 2019 thus far. Sure, monthly updates didn't cause problems for every Windows 10 user but anecdotal evidence suggests that many were inconvenienced. Still, if you use computers for many things that tablets or smartphones don't do well, you have to look at Windows 10, Apple's MacOS, or a flavor of the LINUX operating system that often can be had for free.

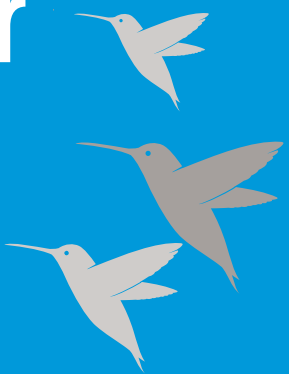
As I wrote earlier in 2019 (please refer to this column at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com) website for those articles), if your use case for the computer is mostly checking emails, browsing, social media, and utilizing other communication methodologies such as videochats (Skype and Hangout for example), you can look at tablets, smartphones or Chromebooks as possible replacements.

I'll repeat this again: inaction is the worst thing you can do. Start planning. ●



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**TRI-C FALL VISIT DAYS**

Tour the campus, learn about admissions and enrollment and explore financial aid and scholarship opportunities.  
*Cuyahoga Community College, 31001 Clemens Rd., Westlake*

**Wednesday, Oct. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**UNTANGLING DEMENTIA**

Guest speaker Tam Cummings, Ph.D., gerontologist and author of "Untangling Alzheimer's" will educate participants on the seven stages of Alzheimer's and dementia. Tam will discuss the common behavioral, emotional and physical changes that take place as dementia progresses. Attendees will also learn helpful communication and caregiving techniques for each stage of the disease. RSVP to 216-385-1610.  
*Westlake Community Services Department, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Thursday, Oct. 17, 7-8:45 p.m.**  
**WESTLAKE UNITY TOASTMASTERS**

Improve your speaking and leadership skills in a fun, supportive environment. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.  
*Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

**Saturday, Oct. 19, 9-11 a.m.**  
**SCAREDY CAT RUN AND WALK**

Run or walk through beautiful Bay Village in the 10th annual run/walk to benefit The Bay Village Foundation. Preregister at [bayvillagefoundation.org](http://bayvillagefoundation.org) for \$20, up to Oct. 18 at 9 a.m.; or in person on the day of the race for \$25, starting at 7:30 a.m. All

participants will receive a loaded goody bag and the first 300 to register will receive a cool, dry-tech run shirt.  
*Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.*

**Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2-3 p.m.**  
**DOWNSIZING AND DECLUTTERING**

Ready to downsize but not sure what to do next? Join us for an informative presentation to learn key steps and available resources to make your transition smooth and easy. Hear from experts on how to pare down your things in preparation for your move and what to do with everything left over. Learn the benefits of pre-planning and tips for getting your house ready for sale and on the market! Please RSVP with Kim Zdanowicz, 440-333-5401.  
*Breakwater Apartments at The Normandy, 22701 Lake Rd., Rocky River*

**Thursday, Oct. 24, 6-8 p.m.**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLAR CO-OP MEETING**

The nonprofit Solar United Neighbors and Cuyahoga County present a free informational meeting for home and business owners interested in going solar. Tristan Raeder of Solar United Neighbors will explain the technical and financial issues involved. Those who want to go further will be invited to join the Cuyahoga County Solar Co-op. The Co-op uses bulk purchasing to save on the cost of going solar. Bids will be solicited from multiple installers. Co-op members will choose democratically from among those bids. There is no obligation.  
*Bay Village Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.*

**Thursday, Oct. 24, 6:45-8 p.m.**  
**WORD WARRIORS TOASTMASTERS**

Learn to become a more confident speaker, communicator and leader on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Guests are always welcome! Contact Kitty Brandal at [kittybrandal@gmail.com](mailto:kittybrandal@gmail.com) for more information.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Saturday, Oct. 26, noon-2 p.m.**

**BOO VILLAGE HALLOWEEN MARCH**  
Children are invited to dress in their Halloween costumes. Bay Village Auxiliary Police will escort children and parents across Wolf Road where children can trick-or-treat at Bay Village Square and up Dover Center to Dover Commons Shopping Center. Two bikes awarded for best costumes.  
*Meet at Bayway Cabin, 400 Bryson Lane*

**Saturday, Oct. 26, 7-10 p.m.**  
**IMPROV & COMEDY WITH RARE FORM**

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*BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.*

**Monday, Oct. 28, 11:30 a.m.**  
**TAKING THYME FOR TEA**  
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11:30. Guests please make reservations by visiting [bayvillagegardenclub.com](http://bayvillagegardenclub.com) or by calling Sharen at 440-871-9098. There is a \$5 fee for guests, \$10 for walk ins.  
*Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.*

**Thursday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.**  
**BAY VILLAGE AND WESTLAKE TRICK-OR-TREATING HOURS**

**Friday, Nov. 1, 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**THE HAUNTED TREAT TRAIL**  
Special areas around the outside of the Recreation center will be decorated for the Halloween season. There will be plenty of treat stops along the way so don't forget your bag to collect them all. Wear your favorite costume and you might scare the creatures back into the woods. Trail is appropriate for young children. Pre-registration is encouraged, however registration will be taken the day of the event until 8:15 p.m. Cost: \$3 Rec members / \$4 non-members if registered by Oct. 31. Cost day of the event is \$5.  
*Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.*

**Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.**  
**ELECTION DAY**

**Wednesday, Nov. 6, 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, to help volunteers help you.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

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