

Porter Library reopens June 17

by ELAINE WILLIS

Westlake Porter Public Library will reopen the building for patrons to browse the collection on Wednesday, June 17, at 9 a.m. At this time, curbside service will cease in lieu of the drive-up window on the south side of the building. The first hour of the day, 9-10 a.m. Monday through Saturday, will be set aside for older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions.

Because WPPL takes the safety of its patrons and staff seriously, physical distancing guidelines and a continued reduction in some services will be in place to provide a safe environment for everyone. Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the building.

The following changes and reduction of services stem from the need to continue physical distancing but also to ensure that the building is kept as clean as possible while staff

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Mayor Dennis Clough takes the season's inaugural jump off of the diving board at the Westlake Aquatic Center & Peterson Pool on June 13.

by ROBERT ROZBORIL

Chilly temperatures and some new restrictions did not stop Mayor Dennis Clough from being the first to take a dip at the Westlake Aquatic Center & Peterson Pool at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 13, when it opened for the 2020 season. Last year, the mayor marked the facility's grand opening by gliding down one of

the center's winding waterslides and breaking the ribbon at end.

The facility will be open to members only and is operating under a set of new guidelines in light of Covid-19. Those guidelines and information on how to reserve a time to use the facilities are listed on the city's website at www.cityofwestlake.org/372/Westlake-Aquatic-Center-Peterson-Pool.

St. Barnabas launches Good Neighbor Project

by THE REV. ALEXANDER D. MARTIN, Priest-in-Charge, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

When Jesus offered the Summary of the Law – love God and love your neighbor as yourself – a Pharisee asked, “Who is my neighbor?” That’s when Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan, who stepped up to help someone in need when others refused.

Because of social distancing requirements, many of the ways we’d like to serve our neighbors aren’t currently possible.

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Bay Village recently launched the Good Neighbor Project. Through the great generosity of a handful of parishioners, we mailed \$100 to every household in the parish and asked the recipients to use those funds to be good neighbors.

That money came with only three rules: you can’t keep it, you can’t give it back to the church, and you have to tell us how you used it to be a blessing.

The reports of how our parishioners used those funds have started trickling in.

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Bay Village joins in nationwide protests

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The blue stripe on the Bay Boat Club dock

by HANNA BERGMANN, PAUL MOODY, CORBIN ESTEPP and JOE BEAUCHESNE

We came together in the fall of 2019 as strangers from four different schools. We formed Team Zebra, and are now the sixth-grade Ohio State Champion and a Regional Finalist for the eCyberMission STEM competition. Our project involved finding a solution to the zebra mussel and algae growth problem on the dock at Bay Boat Club.

In the summer with the high Lake Erie water levels, the boat dock is underwater and covered with algae and zebra mussels, making it slippery and dangerous.

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Hanna Bergmann, Joe Beauchesne, Paul Moody and Corbin Estep paint the dock at Bay Boat Club.

PHOTO BY RICHARD GASH



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REMEMBERING
OHIO'S COVID-19
VICTIMS

Church of the Redeemer on Center Ridge Road covered its lawn with 2,495 white flags to bear witness to those that have died of Covid-19 in Ohio. The number started with 1,195 on May 9 and is updated weekly; this photo reflected the count as of June 11.

Bay’s Glenview Childcare and Learning director, Dody Chadwick, retires

by KAREN DERBY

After leading the care and education of the youngest of Bay Village’s children for more than a decade, Dorothy (Dody) Chadwick will retire from her position as director of Glenview Childcare and Learning Center, part of the Bay Village City Schools, on July 1.

The Bay Village resident joined Glenview as a teacher in 2008 and became the program’s director in 2009. Prior to that she served as the site administrator for the West Shore Ecumenical Ministry’s Youth and Family Learning Center and the director of the West Shore Child Care Center.

“I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve the children here as part of the Bay Village Schools,” Chadwick said. “Our district nurtures the whole development of the child all the way through. I’ve been lucky to have such an amazing team, all licensed teachers. They provide true quality care and are responsive to family and community needs. It has been a very rewarding experience.”

She is most proud of the continued progress toward high quality that has been documented during her tenure with the achievement of being named a Step Up



Dorothy Chadwick

To Quality Center by the Ohio Department of Education. The fee-supported Glenview Center provides daycare, preschool and before-and-after school care.

“There has been a huge focus on early childhood and its

importance in all developmental fields including academics, social and emotional learning,” she said. “Children learn important concepts best through play, and that is how we deliver curriculum that includes literary skills, expanded vocabulary, math concepts, self-management and social/emotional skills. While it is a structured curriculum and assessment cycle, it is through individualized play appealing to students’ interests that they learn.” Other important quality benchmarks include health screenings, developmental screenings, more professional development for teachers and parent engagement.

Chadwick’s interest in early childhood education began at a time when the importance of the field was not as widely recognized as it has become today. A Connecticut native, she earned a bachelor’s degree in American Studies at Yale

University and focused on the effects of childcare on families. She served on a board piloting a childcare center model and became further fascinated with how family units are affected by the quality of available childcare.

After graduating from Yale, where she met her Canadian husband, Terry, she moved to Toronto. There she continued her studies at the University of Toronto Institute of Child Study. When her husband’s job was transferred to the Cleveland area, she earned a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction at Cleveland State University.

“There were no master’s programs around in early childhood education at that time,” she said. “I worked with CSU to focus on curriculum for early childhood education.”

She said there was no question where she and her husband would raise their family once in the Cleveland area. “We looked at houses all over, but we chose Bay Village because of the schools,” she said. “Both my son and daughter received a phenomenal, well-rounded education where they could experiment and do things they would not have been able to do elsewhere. They have both been extremely successful thanks to that educational foundation.”

“I will continue to work for the education of young children and their families in some way,” she said. “There is no doubt those first five years of a child’s development pave the way for their success in school and in life.” ●

LIBRARY

from front page

focus on keeping high traffic areas sanitized:

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“While curbside service and computer use have been well received, we know people are anxious to come into the building and browse the collection for themselves,” said Library Director Andrew Mangels. “We are excited to welcome the community back to the library and are hopeful that if we all follow these guidelines, we can create an atmosphere that prioritizes safety while also providing access to the collection.”

Visit westlakelibrary.org for more details, to learn more about current services being offered and to stay updated on future developments. ●

BOAT CLUB

from front page

One interesting fact that we learned while researching for this project is that zebra mussels are contributing to the growth of algae in Lake Erie by filtering the water. They are improving water clarity, which then allows the sun to penetrate deeper and support algae growth.

The algae on the dock are a breeding ground for zebra mussels; one female zebra mussel can produce over one million free-floating eggs in a year. Algae act as an incubator for the eggs, which, when hatched, are known as veligers until they grow into adults.

Over the winter months, Team Zebra conducted several experiments using lake water containing algae, zebra mussels, and a piece of concrete coated with swimming pool paint. We also had a second jar with a bit of copper pipe and a control jar of lake water with plain concrete.

We wanted to see the effects of copper on the zebra mussels. Our experiment with the copper pipe confirmed research already conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. We learned from our study that the element copper, while in small amounts is beneficial to aquatic life, in excess kills off all marine life. That ruled out a copper-based coating.

In February, we were fortunate to have

a 50-degree day with a south wind that allowed us to move our pool paint experiment out to Bay Boat Club. We wanted to see if the paint would inhibit algae growth on the deck and the zebra mussel veligers which harbor and grow in the algae. The officers and trustees of the club had permitted us to paint a test strip on the dock using the chlorinated rubberized swimming pool paint. Now in June, as the lake level reaches its maximum level and the dock is under 3-12 inches of water, the algae and zebra veligers have formed a thick coating on it.

The good news comes from club trustee, Bela Persanyi, who stated after power washing the algae off the dock that the painted strip swept clean so much easier. The Bay Boat Club officers and trustees approved painting the whole dock in the fall when the water level drops. The bright blue dock may even be visible from the space station.

Team Zebra are members of Explorer Club 360, a Boy Scouts of America middle school youth group chartered by Bay Sea Scouts Inc. Now great friends, Hanna Bergmann attends St. Paul Lutheran School, Paul Moody is at University School, Joe Beauchesne attends Bay Middle School and Corbin Estep is homeschooled. Each fall, Sea Scout and Explorer Club teams compete in the U.S. Army-sponsored eCyberMission STEM challenge. ●

a good neighbor. If you’ve got some extra cash to spend, go for it. But there’s also an infinite number of ways you can spread some love without spending a dime. As Archbishop Desmond Tutu said: “Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” ●

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from front page

So far, we’ve heard from families that have helped feed the hungry. Others used it to buy toys and craft supplies for children in need. Some parishioners

have given generous tips to servers at restaurants struggling to stay afloat. The list goes on and on.

A few of our children have even contributed their allowance money to increase the impact.

If you’re reading this, I encourage you to consider finding some way to be

THE GREEN REPORT

Enjoy your own (healthy) lawn this summer

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

Many of us have had our summer plans upended by the coronavirus pandemic and are going to be enjoying our own yards more than ever. Having a healthy lawn is not only important for the health of you and your family, but for the health of wildlife and Lake Erie.

Weed-free, lush, green lawns. Many people strive for this; I tell my kids not to play on them and while walking I actively avoid lawns that have the little “chemical lawn application” sign posted. Why?

I have many reasons for avoiding “perfect” lawns. Lawn perfection typically comes at a high cost. A cost to Lake Erie, a cost to wild animals, and a cost to our health. It is estimated that more than a billion pounds of pesticides and herbicides are used by homeowners in the United States a year.

When chemical fertilizer is applied to lawns, the excess nutrients are carried away by rain waters into Lake Erie. Chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides contain nitrogen, and when too much nitrogen (and phosphorus) get into the lake, it causes an imbalance, which in turn can trigger an algae bloom. This is the cause of the toxic algae blooms we see in Lake Erie in the summertime, especially in the western Lake Erie basin.

The microcystin algae is not just gross looking and smelly, it is highly toxic to humans. When swallowed, it can cause nausea, fever, stomach pain and severe headaches. Further, when the algae die, they sink to the bottom of the lake, and decompose in a way that removes oxygen from the water,

creating “dead zones” in which fish and other aquatic species can’t survive.

Seven million birds die a year from exposure to residential lawn chemicals. Seven million. When I think about that number, it blows my mind, and then I think, if it’s killing seven million birds a year, why would we ever think it’s not slowly killing us? Turns out, those chemicals are very dangerous to human health and most likely are killing us too.

The dangers of synthetic pesticide use have been known for decades. The National Coalition for Pesticide Free Lawns reports that of 30 commonly used lawn pesticides, 19 are linked with cancer or carcinogenicity, 13 are linked with birth defects, 21 with reproductive effects, 26 with liver or kidney damage, 15 with neurotoxicity, and 11 with disruption of the endocrine (hormonal) system. Pesticides have also been linked to attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children. Yikes!

Poisons from lawn chemicals are absorbed through the skin, by the mouth, or by breathing sprays, dusts or vapors. If you or your children are present during lawn chemical application, you can be poisoned. If you walk on contaminated grass, your shoes and clothing can become contaminated, and risk bringing it into your home. The same goes for dogs and cats – if they walk on contaminated grass not only can they become poisoned themselves, but they can then bring the chemicals inside your home on their paws.

Children are at a much higher risk of poisoning because they are much more likely to put their hands in their mouths as they play on the grass with pesticide powders and

granules. Children and pets are at higher risk for health effects from exposure to pesticides than adults because their internal organs are still developing and maturing. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in a study of 9,282 people nationwide, found pesticides in 100% of the people who had both blood and urine tested. The average person carried 13 of 23 pesticides tested.

Please do not think that when lawn chemicals have dried that they are safe. They’re not. Lawn chemicals can remain active from one month to a year.

Okay, I know you’re waiting for some good news – and I have some! Use organic lawn treatments. There is no reason you can’t obtain a weed-free, healthy lawn using safe alternatives to chemicals. A simple “organic lawn care” Google search brings up lots of how-to websites, including one titled “Organic Lawn Care for the Cheap and Lazy” (www.richsoil.com/lawn-care.jsp). That sounds good to me! However, my family takes the EVEN lazier approach by hiring a local organic lawn care company to service our yard. I am also proud of the clovers and other scarce weeds I find. It means that I’m doing my best to keep my family healthy!

And I tell my kids when they see those little signs that say “chemical lawn application” to steer way clear and to avoid those lawns in general whenever possible. ●



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Bay Village American Legion honors Flag Day

by JIM POTTER

The American Legion Post #385 has a long tradition of retiring American flags at the end of their service life. Following standard procedures, 168 full-

size flags and 607 flags used at local cemeteries were retired. Prayers and salutes are part of the retirement program. The retirement was conducted at the Post home on Cahoon Road. Commander Stanley Zeager officiated. ●



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John Jones, Stan Zeager, Ed Kus, Dick Finley, Geoff Kedzierski and Joe Cronin participated in Post #385's flag retirement ceremony on June 12.

BAYARTS

'The Lighter Side': George Kocar

by NANCY HEATON

Bay Village native George Kocar takes a look at the lighter side in a new exhibition of his intensely colored and satirical paintings at BAYarts.

"We think this is just what we all need at this time," says BAYarts Artistic Director Karen Petkovic. "You cannot help but feel good when you look at the humor and the wonderful vibrant colors of George's work."


A professional illustrator for American Greetings for nearly 20 years, Kocar's work has appeared in such publications as Esquire, The New York Times, Playboy and The Washington Post. His work is in many national private and corporate collections. Now retired, he works out of his Bay Village studio and is a prolific participant in local galleries and festivals and shops like BAYarts.

Kocar's new book, "The Flying Banana: The Art of George Kocar," is a collection of his body of work. ("The Flying Banana" is a reference to, literally, a flying banana, and a character he created early on as he developed



A painting by Bay native George Kocar, now at BAYarts.

his signature style.) The book is available in the BAYarts shop and gallery along with his popular paintings of cats and dogs.

“George Kocar: The Lighter Side” is now open in the Sullivan Family Gallery (in the Fuller House), Monday to Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. BAYarts’ new “Night Gallery” events for groups of 10 (social distancing!) followed by a boxed dinner in the park are Wednesday and Friday for Happy Hour or evening slots; reserve at www.bayarts.net. 

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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

So you need the COVID-19 test?

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Marc, age 22, developed a sore throat and dry cough. The next day, upon a friend's suggestion, he did a drive-thru COVID-19 test at a local pharmacy. "Really easy," he said.

He filled out a short online screening form, got an appointment within an hour. Before he left, he watched a video on do-it-yourself nose-swab. At the drive-thru, he was given a kit, swabbed himself and was done in minutes. The line was shorter than Popeye's at dinner time.

Sponsored by the Family First Coronavirus Response Act, COVID-19 testing is free to Americans with or without insurance. Unlike hospitals and clinics, many drive-thru sites do *not* require a doctor's referral.

What you should know: There are many COVID-19 tests – too many to track. But they can be grouped into two basic types. The first is a swab (nose, throat, saliva, etc.); the second, a blood test.

Within the first few days of symptom onset, you want the swab, which tests for the virus directly. The most common are nose swabs. The results take a few hours to a few days to run. They're highly specific; that is, if you test positive for COVID-19, you've got COVID-19 (as opposed to other infections, including other corona viruses).

But if you test negative for COVID-19, don't sleep too soundly.

In a perfect world, tests are done by trained professionals and rushed to specialized labs; swab tests perform consistently and very well. But in real life, accuracy falls flat.

Why? Experts think a big problem is sampling. The ideal place to find living and multiplying corona viruses is past your nose at the back of your throat – the nasopharynx. Years ago, because of a persistent cough, I had it done by a colleague. As he advanced the swab, I heaved, coughed, teared and thought he was about to poke a hole through my brain. It's unclear if most people, including me, can properly torture themselves for an adequate sample. New tests on saliva and throat may bypass this problem. We'll see.

What about blood tests? They do not test for the virus – but test for your immunity against the virus. They can turn positive four days after the onset of disease, but it's best done two to three weeks afterward. By that time, most are over the worst. Blood tests are good to confirm your immunity but can potentially be confused with immunity against other corona viruses. Currently we don't know how long viral immunity will last; a "COVID-19 immunity card" is not a "get out of jail free" card. Sorry.

For an updated list of drive-thru test sites, I like GoodRx.com's listing – one click. There are two places around here – the CVS store in Westlake and one in North Olmsted. More sites will be opening.

After two days, Marc got his result: Negative.

Because of his persistent sore throat, I still recommend that he stays in isolation until all symptoms resolve. By the way, that's the advice doctors have given for all respiratory infections. Imagine: I used to write notes so my coughing-up-a-storm patients could take their sick days. Let's hope this pandemic changes that. ●

SPORTING VIEWS

The dog days of COVID

by JEFF BING

We are now in week 112 of the sports lockdown and there are no sports to write about, which also means I am in week 113 of having a heck of a time dreaming up subject matter. (Yes, I know, not that it will make much difference, right?) I mean, there's writer's block, and then there's trying-to-imitate-a-legitimate-writer-who-has-writer's-block writer's block. I'll spare you the suspense and tell you up-front I'm in the latter category (like you didn't already know that).

Yes, I exaggerated – *slightly* – about the length of time COVID-19 has disrupted the sports scene in Believeland, but seriously gang, writing about sports when there are *none* is as about as difficult for me as finding something good to say about Jimmy Haslam. (If that doesn't put it in perspective for you then *nothing* will). Now I know why Dr. Acton decided to get out of Dodge: Nothing to report!

I was thinking the other day (only for a few moments though, as thinking typically gives me a headache) about how the world will view the "COVID Crisis" in, oh, I don't know, maybe 50 years from now. Let's close our eyes, hop into our modified DeLorean, wait for a thunderstorm like we had the other night to give us 1.21 gigawatts of electricity, hit the accelerator, and, well waddy know, it's 2070!

There's a remake of a popular

1940s Orson Welles film now showing called "Citizen Kovid." It's a real tearjerker because the lead character makes references throughout the film about something called "Nosebud." Only later do we find out that "Nosebud" was his pet name for one of his favorite face masks. You really feel for the poor guy. Oops, I guess I should have issued a "spoiler alert" earlier, shouldn't I? That's on me ... my bad. (I'll bet right about now you're wishing the Observer issued spoiler alerts for columns such as this...)

As we walk out of the theater, there's a tribute band of The Knack on the radio and we hear them belting out a tune called "My Corona." Gotta tell ya, it brought tears to my eyes (similar to what this column is doing to you). I'm too emotional to continue listening to that song, so I change the station and *wait!* What's that I hear? It sounds like an old Michael Jackson song about a COVID-19 vaccine, called "Treat It." It makes me want to start moon-walking on the spot, but since I'm a newbie to 2070, I opt out. They might throw in the pokey for something like that.

Now wasn't that fun? Who needs real sports (or real sportswriters) when we have our imaginations? *Rhetorical question*, smarty-pants.

Now that I think about it, maybe all I *really* need is for the Donald to throw me more stimulus money and I'll become far more productive. Yeah, right ... I'm pretty sure that's called fraud! ●

WHS senior Stephanie Randar receives Jeffery Owen Marriott scholarship

Stephanie Randar, a 2020 Westlake High School graduate, received the Jeffery Owen Marriott Memorial Scholarship at the Senior Awards Banquet Night earlier this year. The scholarship was established to celebrate the life and contributions of WHS 1992 alum Jeffery Marriott, who passed in March 2015. This was the fifth consecutive year a scholarship was awarded to an exemplary WHS student in honor of Marriott. Of special note was the fact that the WHS awards ceremony occurred "virtually" with all awards and scholarships distributed via an online, streamed ceremony.

Randar ranked in the top 15 percent of her 2020 WHS class while maintaining a near year-round athletic schedule on Westlake's varsity soccer, basketball



Westlake High School graduate Stephanie Randar is the recipient of the 5th annual Jeffery Owen Marriott Memorial Scholarship.

and softball teams. Athletically, she racked up 10 varsity letters in addition to 1st and 2nd team, All-Southwest Conference honors in softball her freshman, sophomore and junior years. Further, she earned honorable mention, All Southwest Conference honors in both soccer and basketball as well as a 2nd team, All Southwest Conference honors in basketball her senior year.

Academically, Randar excelled in the classroom, helping her softball team earn the Ohio Team GPA Academic Award in 2019, as well as being recognized as a Southwest Conference Scholar Athlete of the Month in basketball and an All-Ohio Academic Award in soccer. The West-

lake High School athletic department selected Randar for the 2020 National Federation High School Award of Excellence.

"It was obvious that Stephanie was a terrific scholar athlete throughout her time at Westlake High School," said Elise Orr, a friend and board member of the Jeffery Owen Marriott Memorial Scholarship. "What set Stephanie apart from the other candidates, however, was her positive outlook and compassionate nature. We received many excellent applications with terrific students and leaders, but we agreed Stephanie mirrored Jeff's kind, caring and friendly nature, above all."

In fact, beginning her junior year, Randar founded and served as president of the school's Project Support club which coordinated after-school activities for students with physical and/or mental challenges. She was also involved with several extracurricular activities including Leadership Challenge, Student Council, Key Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Spanish Club.

Assuming classes are in session, Randar will attend Clemson University's Calhoun Honors College in the fall, where she will focus her studies on biology and pre-med. ●

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Mayor Clough presents proclamation to international exchange student

by ROBERT ROZBORIL

Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough presented a proclamation to Phakawan Teerawattananon, or “Pleng,” at City Hall on Friday, June 5. Pleng came to Westlake from Thailand in August, sponsored by the Westlake Bay Village Rotary Club, and stayed with Westlake residents Joe and Jacki Kraft.

She is an extraordinary student who received straight A's while attending Westlake High School and enjoys hiking, shopping, performing cultural dances and cooking authentic Taiwanese cuisine. With the proclamation, the mayor declared June 7, 2020 – Pleng's 16th birthday – as Phakawan “Pleng” Teerawattananon Day. She returned to Thailand on June 10. ●



PHOTO BY ROBERT ROZBORIL

Phakawan “Pleng” Teerawattananon was honored with a proclamation from Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough.

How old is your tree?

The June 2 issue of the Observer included a feature on how to measure the age of area trees. We asked readers to share their findings. Here are a few readers' photos of trees on their properties.

The tree-measuring information has been reprinted on page 9 of this issue. ●



A 232-year-old beech tree submitted by Timothy J. Flynn.



Mary Kay Wilson found that she has a 215-year-old white oak tree (left), and 143-year-old hickory tree (right) in her yard on Normandy Road in Bay Village.



Westlake continues Tree City poster contest tradition

by MARY BETH SCHNEIDLER

The City of Westlake Tree Commission and Mayor Dennis Clough were determined to offer the annual Tree City poster contest to this year's fifth-graders at Dover Intermediate School.

The coronavirus made the possibility of it happening more difficult but this year's fifth-graders certainly came through. Two days before the contest was to begin school was closed ... but determination prevailed.

The students were given directions online including a video as to what they needed to do. The deadlines were extended and the students could design posters online, create actual posters and submit photographs of their posters, and were able to use a wide variety of means to decorate their creations! Their work was exemplary.

The original poster contest was to celebrate Arbor Day in Westlake but that special day was not allowed to be celebrated this year. The theme of the contest is always “Why trees are important to me!” The students are instructed to research the importance of trees to a commu-

nity, the environment and globally. They generated essays to explain why trees are important and how they can preserve them in their city.

Three posters were selected to receive a special award from Mayor Clough at a unique ceremony at City Hall – an interesting event with social distancing and masks. Also in attendance were Mr. Nick Miller, principal at Dover Intermediate School; Mr. Paul Quinn III, service director for Westlake; Tree Commission members Mary Beth Schneider and Ken Sadd and the students' parents.

The three poster contest winners – Brandon McLaughlin, Amelia Samide and Brian Schneider – were awarded proclamations declaring a special day in Westlake as “their day” along with ribbons. They also received butterfly bushes from Dean's Greenhouse in Westlake for them to plant in their yards.

It was a beautiful presentation as these students were congratulated for doing an excellent job during such difficult times! Mayor Clough and the Tree Commission members – Mary Beth Schneider, John Walz, Diane Morris, Justin Parks and Ken Sadd – thank all of the fifth-graders that submitted posters! ●



PHOTO BY MARY BETH SCHNEIDLER

Mayor Dennis Clough with contest winners Brian Schneider, Amelia Samide and Brandon McLaughlin.

PET CARE

Shine bright, little Peanut

by DILLON CHRISTIAN

I am heartbroken to share that our beautiful little Peanut, our rescue poodle that had taken shelter in a small hole within the rock wall of Porter Creek, passed away on June 6. She passed while sleeping in bed with me curled around her and her family by her side. She was prescribed pain medication the morning before and it carried her through the night without pain, which is what we had wanted for her.

Driving home from Peanut's service on Wednesday, we had gone through what seemed to me one of the worst storms. Once getting back into Bay Village, the storm calmed and we were greeted by a double rainbow. Peanut's favorite song is “Rainbow Connection.” I would hum it to her to help her get to sleep and it always brought her peace. This song means so much more to us now.

Sept. 28 marks the day that she found a home with us in 2012, and is also the same day we honor our brother, Steven, whom since has passed now 30 years ago. My younger brother, Logan, and I were walking our white poodle, Fluffy, down Porter Creek Drive that day. We wanted to skip stones under the bridge, and instead found Peanut. She was all curled into a ball, wedged tightly inside a hole within the wall of the creek. Three days later the creek completely flooded and overflowed with water because of a storm.

I want to thank once again my community for donating over \$3,000 for little Peanut to have a dental surgery the year we found her. She lived a long, happy life with a beautiful smile thanks to her friends. She loves you.

Peanut, was an inspiration and a fighter to us all, showing us to never give up. And she never did. She was our greatest buddy, and we love her forever eternal. ●



Peanut with her family.

Westlake in Bloom competition heats up as summer arrives

by ROBERT ROZBORIL

With the warm weather finally settling in throughout Northeast Ohio, it is a perfect time for Westlake's gardeners to set their sights on the 2020 Westlake in Bloom competition.

This cherished annual tradition blossomed in 2004 after the city earned top honors in the nationwide America in Bloom competition in each of the two preceding years.

In 2002, Westlake celebrated a first-place win among cities with populations of 20,001-50,000. Although the city would have liked to try to repeat its success the following year, contest rules do not allow cities to claim the top prize in the same category more than once. Therefore, the city took a new approach the following year and found continued

success in the competition.

Westlake teamed up with Kincardine, Ontario, Canada to win the "Best Twinning Partnership Award" as part of the America in Bloom International Challenge. The partner cities earned a special mention for "Floral Displays by Volunteers" as well.

It was a great point of pride for the city and its residents to know that they all were part of a community worthy of national praise.

As the City of Westlake prepares to once again host its own localized version, it does so amid a backdrop of wide-ranging struggles due to Covid-19. For that reason, this year's Westlake in Bloom will have a special twist in hopes of once again inspiring a feeling of unity and pride throughout the community.

All residents are encouraged to participate, whether they enter the

contest or not, by prominently displaying at least one plant or flower July 6-8 – when judging will take place for the contest portion.

But that's not all. Children and young adults are invited to show off their chalk art skills on driveways and sidewalks throughout the city, depicting floral scenes and other tasteful spring-related works of art for the duration of the event.

Local gardeners can enter the competition portion online or by mail. First, second and third place awards will be selected in all categories with five or more entries, ranging from small window boxes to full-yard landscaping. Every Hilliard Boulevard flower box, Evergreen Cemetery memorial fence garden, UHSJMC/City of Westlake Community Garden plot and Adopt-a-Bed Garden will be entered automatically in the judging.

The deadline to enter is Friday, June 26, at 5 p.m. The contest rules and entry forms are available on the city's website, or by accessing this article at wbvobserver.com.

Ode to the Trillium

by GEORGE RYAN

The gentle three-petal flowers shine brightly low to the earth from which they nudge up each spring. No need to show any grandeur or largesse as daffodils do in their abundance. No colorful display is needed as do the bright red tulips not far away. No, the trillium is simply beauty and as white as the long-departed snow. They last longer and treat us with smiles long after the daffodils have died off and the tulip petals have fallen. Thank you, Trillium, for your simple consistency each year under our river birch.



PHOTO BY GEORGE RYAN



PHOTO BY JIM BEDELL

An entrant in a past Westlake in Bloom competition showcases a beautiful water feature.

What's this bird?



This bird was recently sighted in Bay Village at a feeder. It looks like a finch, but is larger. If you know what this bird is, please send an email with your answer to staff@wbvobserver.com.

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DIGGING DOVER

Locating ancient Native American earthworks in Dover Township

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

Today, the nearest existing Native American earthworks to Dover are the Fort Hill Earthworks in the Rocky River Reservation. They are believed to have been constructed by what is known as the Early Woodland Indians over 2,000 years ago. They are a set of three long earthen walls and ditches built on a shale cliff 90 feet above the Rocky River. Before part of Dover Township split off to become North Olmsted, the southern boundary of Dover was the current location of Brookpark Road. This places Fort Hill less than a mile south of the old Dover Township line.

The “Archaeological Atlas of Ohio” compiled by William C. Mills and published in 1914 by the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society (precursor to today’s Ohio History Connection), shows that there were five known Native American burial mounds identified within Dover Township. This is more identified burial mounds than any other township within Cuyahoga County except for Newburgh Township (which had nine).

Before discovering this book I had never heard about these burial mounds in Dover. One of the mounds is shown as located near the intersection of Dover Center and Lorain roads in today’s North Olmsted. The other four are shown flank-

ing the intersection of Dover Center and Center Ridge roads in Westlake.

The 1904 United States Geological Survey of the Berea Quadrangle (which includes Dover Township) does not indicate any 10-foot or greater rise in grade in the vicinity of Dover Center and Center Ridge roads, except where the street itself is located on an old beach ridge, and one oval-shaped 10-foot rise approximately where today’s U. S. Post Office building is located.

This means either the burial mounds were less than 10 feet tall in 1904 or had been destroyed already. Since they are not mentioned anywhere else I could find in the historical record it is likely that they were plowed over by then. The 10-foot rise on the post office site is too close to the intersection in comparison with the Mills map.

Because the symbols indicating the burial mound locations are so large in relation to the scale of the map, a scholarly evaluation of the Atlas in 1984 states that they cannot be used to determine the exact location of the sites. However we will try.

The northwest mound location appears to be approximately where the westerly drive to the new Westlake Intermediate School parking lot exits onto Bassett Road and the northerly adjacent athletic fields. When the Westlake Public School dis-

trict was notified, they were not aware that any burial mounds had existed on their land and no archaeological survey was done before the recent improvements.

The city’s later Geographical Information System contour map layer shows a 10-foot mound once existed behind 27815 Berringer Run in the Capel Vale subdivision, approximately where the new retention basins for the intermediate school are now located. Because this mound did not appear on the 1904 USGS map it probably was just more recent dumped construction spoils.

The southwest of the four mounds may have been located approximately along the south property line between Our House (27633 Bassett Road) and the rear property line of property purchased by Westlake United Methodist Church and recently used for their parking lot expansion. Westlake’s contour map layer shows a small rise there. This area remains undeveloped.

Our House is located on property at the west end of Seneca Drive. Suddenly the choice of the residents on that street to rename it in 1956 from Johnson Court to the name of an Indian tribe makes sense. Have lots of Native American artifacts been found here through the years? They probably have. This may be the source of many of the Pease collection artifacts



Mills’ 1914 “The Archaeological Atlas of Ohio” shows four of Dover Township’s burial mounds near the intersection of Dover Center and Center Ridge roads, and a fifth at Dover Center and Lorain roads in today’s North Olmsted.

mentioned in a previous article since members of the Pease family owned property along Johnson Court – including the house at the northwest corner of Seneca Drive and Dover Center Road, once owned by Russell A. and Lora Pease (that house was featured in a two part “Digging Dover” article).

In fact, the Ohio Archaeological Inventory includes an inventory form for Westlake in the name of Peasel/Serne. Serne is the married name of Beryl Pease, Russell and Lora’s daughter. The assumption is that “Peasel” is a misspelling. More information cannot be obtained because the Archaeological Inventory forms are not

available to anyone but professional archaeologists.

The northeast mound appears to be where the Forest Park subdivision was constructed in the 1950s (Chestnut, Beechwood and Elmwood drives). The southeast mound was where the Schneider Motel was constructed (now the Colonnade strip shopping center).

Work on the Archaeological Atlas began in 1894. This was a response to the recognition that these earthwork monuments in Ohio were being obliterated at an alarming rate. There is no published information on the source of the data on the map so the mounds still remain an intriguing mystery. ●

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Townships.	Mounds.	Enclosures.	Village Sites.	Burials.	Petroglyphs.	Totals.
Dover	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olmsted	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middleburg .....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parma .....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Independence	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Newburg	9	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bedford	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mayfield	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orange	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Chagrin Falls	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Totals	30	6	3	2	1	42

A table in Mills’ 1914 “The Archaeological Atlas of Ohio” showing identified sites of Native American earthworks in Cuyahoga County Townships.

CARTOGRAPHIC TABLE.	
▲	Mounds (burial)
□	Enclosures (square).
○	Enclosures (circular).
⌒	Enclosures (crescent).
⌒	Village Sites.
⌒	Burials (ordinary interments).
⌒	Cemeteries.
⌒	Stone Graves.
⌒	Effigy Mounds.
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A legend in the “The Archaeological Atlas of Ohio.”

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How old is my tree?

Due to readers' demand, this article from the June 2 issue is being reprinted. See some of our readers' trees on page 6.

by DENNY WENDELL

With spring finally upon us, here's a fun outdoor activity you can do in your own yard. Estimate the age of your tree(s) following the steps below,

courtesy of Purdue University. I'll use the white oak in my backyard as an example.
STEP 1. Measure the CIRCUMFERENCE of the tree trunk using a measuring tape that measures in feet and inches. This should be done at 54 inches above the ground, or slightly below shoulder height.

EXAMPLE:
Our white oak tree measures 11 feet, 2 inches in CIRCUMFERENCE or 134 inches. STEP 2. Calculate the DIAMETER. Divide the CIRCUMFERENCE by

3.14. For the white oak, the diameter of 134 inches divided by 3.14 = 42.67 inches.
STEP 3. Multiply the DIAMETER of the tree by the growth factor as determined by species.
Back to our white oak tree. I determined that the tree has a 42.67 inches DIAMETER, so you would then multiply it by the growth factor of 5 (refer to table below), and our answer is 213 years old!

How old is the tree in your yard? Take a picture and send it to staff@wbvobserver.com. 📷



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GROWTH
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AGE



My 213-year-old White Oak tree

Tree Species	Growth Factor
American Beech	6
American Elm	4
American Sycamore	4
Ash	4
Aspen	2
Basswood	3
Birch	5
Black Walnut	4.5
Black Willow	2
Cherry	5
Common Horsechestnut	8
Cottonwood	2
Hornbeam (Ironwood)	7
Littleleaf Linden	3
Northern Red Oak	4
Pin Oak	3
Redbud	7
Red Maple	4.5
Scotch Pine	3.5
Shagbark Hickory	7.5
Silver Maple	3
Sugar Maple	5.5
Sweet Gum	4
Swamp White Oak	5
Sycamore	4
Tulip Tree	3
White Ash	5
White Oak	5
Yellow Buckeye	5

American Beech

Birch

Hornbeam (Ironwood)

Scotch Pine

American Elm

Black Walnut

Littleleaf Linden

Shagbark Hickory

Sycamore

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Ash

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Tree City USA
More than 3,600 U.S. communities have made the commitment to become a Tree City USA. Both Westlake and Bay Village achieved Tree City USA status from the Arbor Day Foundation by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day. Westlake has held the designation for 28 years, Bay Village for 21 years.

For more tree information, visit ohiodnr.gov and click on OHIO TREE GUIDE to view/download a PDF guide for Ohio trees.
Also, visit mytree.itreetools.org to see an aerial view of your home's trees.

Bay Village demonstration rallies against social injustice

Demonstrators staged a protest march in Bay Village, Ohio, on Friday, June 5, as over 400 cities across the U.S. held marches to oppose racial injustice following the death of George Floyd of Minneapolis.

The march started at Huntington Park and proceeded down Lake Road to Cahoon Memorial Park where the

crowd laid down in silence for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, the amount of time that Floyd was pinned down on the ground as he died. The peaceful march then continued to the Bay Village police station on Wolf Road with chants for social justice. Bay Village police bicycle officers observed the event and directed the orderly demonstrators throughout the march. ♦

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Navigating a tough challenge: college admissions

by NATHAN HSIAO

As thousands of virtual and distanced commencement ceremonies are happening across the country, millions of high school students are leaving behind four years of memories and hard work. For many, students have gone through one of the most challenging processes of their high school careers – the college application. The process requires applicants to submit a personal statement essay as well as supplemental responses.

“The essay part of The Common App was quite daunting, I will not lie,” said Jack Williams, a recent graduate from Westlake High School and a rising undergraduate student at Johns Hopkins University. “Writing a single, 650-word essay that has a large amount of

influence on where you will be spending the next 2-4 years of your life is a bit intimidating. Trying to figure out what to write about, while attempting to have it be very personal, but not too mainstream, is not an easy feat,”

Other students agree. Amy Hizlan, also a recent WHS graduate, said, “I think essays are really important deciders among college admission officers, especially now that colleges are trying to gauge personality before admitting applicants. I found it challenging to describe my character.” Amy plans to continue her education at Cleveland State University this coming fall.

In addition to test scores and extracurricular activities, many admissions officers also value an application beyond a student’s academics and extracurricular achievements. Students take the essay component as an opportunity to highlight their writing ability and to demonstrate who they are as people.

Recognizing such difficulty, Talya Jeter, a Westlake High School alumna and Duke University undergraduate student, started a college essay service in hopes of providing more guidance to high school students during the college application process. Talya began blogging on collegecalm.weebly.com to share her advice for high school students and suggestions to approach the essay. “For me, I’ve grown a lot through this process because I’ve been able to learn how to better my own writing,”

she said.

She has seen high school students all over the world struggle with finding deep introspection. Talya believes that the college essay process goes beyond conventional writing styles and the topic and content of the essay are far more valuable. She emphasizes the importance of finding something meaningful and conveying it genuinely.

“Sometimes it’s hard to find our uniqueness or what makes us, us. The essay writing process [often involves] soul searching...[and is an] emotional, introspective process,” Talya explained.

While senior year of high school may be intimidating and challenging, the application process can impute values and lessons that a traditional classroom environment may lack.

“More than anything, I think the college application process taught me that there is so much more to college and life than grades and test scores,” said WHS grad Jack Williams. “Obviously, society puts a big emphasis on [stats], but there’s so much more than just those things. Students really need to express themselves and let college admissions know a little bit more about them.”

Nathan Hsiao recently graduated from Westlake High School and will attend Case Western Reserve University in the fall. ●

Westlake Porter Public Library Upcoming events

by ELAINE WILLIS

Following is Westlake Porter Public Library's late June and early July 2020 calendar of events. All programs are subject to change. Please check westlakelibrary.org or follow the library on Facebook and Twitter (@WestlakePorter) for the latest updates..

Tuesdays, June 16 and 30 and July 14 (3-4 p.m.) **Hunger Games Book Club Online** – In this book club, we’ll be reading through the “Hunger Games” series in chronological order. For the June 16 meeting, please read “The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes.” For the June 30 meeting please read “The Hunger Games” (and watch the film too!) and for the July 14 meeting please read “Catching Fire” (and watch the film too!). Please register. Participants must provide an email address to receive Zoom instructions, which will be sent the day of the event.

Wednesday, June 17 (11-11:30 a.m.) **Dinosaur Yoga** – Kids: Calm your body and mind with yoga with Miss Nancy! Program will be livestreamed on the library’s Facebook, Twitter and YouTube accounts.

Wednesday, June 17 (1-1:30 p.m.) **Preschool Storytime** – Join us for a live Preschool Storytime on Zoom! Ages 3.5 to 5 with a caregiver. Please register. Participants must provide an email address to receive Zoom instructions, which will be sent the day of the program.

Thursday, June 18 (All Day) **Virtual Calling Crafters: Paper Pinwheels** – For this virtual class for adults all you need is an internet connection, email and a device to watch a webinar. Other supplies are included. We will notify you when to pick up the supplies and instructions. Please register.

Thursdays, June 18 and July 2 (9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.) **Teen Crafts (Pick-Up)** – Stop by Youth Services to pick up your craft kit anytime on June 18 or July 2, while supplies last.

Thursday, June 18 (10-10:30 a.m.) **Toddler Storytime** – Join us on Zoom

for a live Toddler Storytime! For ages 2-3.5 with a caregiver. Please register. Participants must provide an email address in order to receive Zoom instructions, which will be emailed the day of the program.

Thursdays, June 18 and 25 and Tuesday, June 23 (11-11:30 a.m.) **Storytime** – Join us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube for livestreamed storytimes!

Thursdays, June 18 and 25 and July 2 and 9 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) **WPPL Roblox Club** – We have a few private servers set up for Tweens in grades 4-6 to hang out with their friends and enjoy some of the most popular games. Please register separately for each session. Participants must provide an email address to receive Zoom instructions, which will be sent the day of the program. Then we’ll get everyone’s screen name and admit you onto the servers. We’ll keep the Zoom meeting going for anyone who wants to chat while playing or if you have any tech questions. Grades 4-6.

Friday, June 19 (11-11:30 a.m.) **Trivia Online!** – Join us on Facebook, Twitter or YouTube for some library trivia! All ages.

Monday, June 22 (11-11:30 a.m.) **Ukulele Lesson Online** – Grab your ukulele and join us live on Facebook, Twitter or YouTube to learn a little bit about the instrument. All ages.

Tuesday, June 23 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Ohio is So Gay! Trivia Night** – Ohio’s LGBTQ+ history exhibits the classic components of a Hollywood blockbuster: heroes, villains, epic crowd scenes, meet-cutes, and a soundtrack to end all soundtracks. This interactive trivia extravaganza will test your knowledge of the past 50 years of Ohio’s LGBTQ+ activism from mustache-twirling, dastardly state senators to heroic 19-year-olds to how a blade of grass almost caused the arrest of a cadre of protestors. Join us online and learn a heck of a lot about our LGBTQ+ history in the process!

Wednesday, June 24 (11-11:30 a.m.) **Let’s Sing & Dance** – Join Miss Nancy on Zoom! Registration required. Partici-

pants must provide an email address to receive Zoom instructions, which will be sent the day of the program.

Thursday, June 25 (6-6:30 p.m.) **Mystery STEAM Bag Challenge Online** – Are you ready for the STEAM Bag Challenge? Bags will be available for pick-up at the library on or after June 17. Each bag will contain mystery craft materials and a challenge card. Use these materials to complete the design challenge! Share your designs on a Zoom meeting on June 25. Grades 1-2. Please register. Participants must provide an email address to receive Zoom instructions.

Saturday, June 27 (11-11:30 a.m.) **Pokemon Fun!** – Join Miss Rachel for a virtual Pokemon Zoom meeting! Registration begins June 20. Participants must provide an email address to receive Zoom instructions.

Monday, June 29 (6:30-8 p.m.) **Medicare Ins and Outs Zoom Meeting** – Do you need accurate, unbiased information about Medicare? Attend a presentation by OSHIIP, Ohio Senior Insurance Information Program, to learn the “ins and outs” of Medicare. Please register. Participants must provide an email to receive a confirmation message containing details about how to join the meeting.

Monday, June 29 (7:15-8:30 p.m.) **Intro to Chair Dance** – Join Tiffany Curtin online for an exciting and enjoyable experience learning a chair dance routine. You’ll have a blast appreciating movement and shapes with the added benefit of a little bit of exercise! Please wear clothing that is easy to move in. The routine can be performed in flat shoes, socks or barefoot. Please register. Participants must provide an email address to receive login details about the event.

Tuesday, June 30 (9-11 a.m.) **Kinder Club** – Pick up your Kinder Club packet at the library between 9 and 11 a.m. Each bag will contain 4 alphabet letter activities that will be featured weekly in our Kinder Club blog (which can be found on the library’s website and social media). Ages 4-6. If you are unable to make the pick up time, call Youth Services at 440-250-5471 to arrange a time to pick-up the packet.

Wednesday, July 1 (10 a.m.-noon) **Storytelling in the Time of COVID: Networking and Fundraising for**

Nonprofit Organizations (Webinar)

– In cooperation with Candid, a panel of experts will explore creative approaches for organizations to use to make connections, tell their stories and raise funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please register. Participants will receive an email about joining the discussion one week before the event.

Wednesday, July 1 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Horror Film Club Online** – This month’s creepy classic stars Vincent Price as Robert Morgan, the lone survivor of a pandemic that turns everyone into vampires. He spends his days killing the fiends as they sleep, and his nights barricaded in his home, trying to keep out killers who thirst for his blood. The Horror Film Club will meet online using the video sharing site Watch2Gether. To participate, check the program’s online listing at <https://bit.ly/2zaS36Z> as early as 6 p.m. on the day of the program. There will be a link to take you to the site. You do not need an account with Watch2Gether to participate.

Thursday, July 2 (1-7 p.m.) **American Red Cross Bloodmobile**

Saturday, July 4 – **Independence Day: Library Closed**

Tuesday, July 14 (1-3 p.m.) **Are You a Nervous Interviewer?** – Join Cynthia Wilt via Zoom as she shares interviewing tips to help you present yourself with confidence. If you’re concerned about how you look, speak or act or speak in interviews this session is for you! Please register. Attendees will receive a confirmation email with Zoom instructions.

Tuesday, July 14 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Tuesday Evening Book Discussion and Author Visit (Online)** – This month’s title is “One Taste Too Many” by Debra H. Goldstein. This discussion will be held on Zoom. Digital copies of the book are available on Hoopla. Registration is required. Participants will receive an email with a Zoom meeting invitation and instructions.

Wednesday, July 15 (5:30-7:30 p.m.) **Stuffed Animal Adoption** – Drive by the tent in the parking lot south of the building and take a tiny stuffed pet home with you. While supplies last. Age 8 and under.

To register for any of the programs, please visit events.westlakelibrary.org. ●

Herb Guild cancels scholarship luncheon

by BARBARA ARMSTRONG

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, The Herb Guild Garden Club has cancelled its 36th annual Scholarship Luncheon for this year, which was to be held on Aug. 5, 2020. The Guild regrets this decision, but does not want anyone to get sick with the virus.

Next year's scholarship luncheon is in the works already and it will be bigger and better! All proceeds from the annual event are used for the club's scholarship fund, so plan to attend in 2021.

For more information call Kathie Conrad at 440-872-9725 or email her at Miatakath@aol.com. ●

The show must go on!

by MARGARET HNAT

While live performances have been put on hold, at Bay Village Community Theater, the show must go on! Via the technological magic of Zoom, the group will present a free reading of "The Big Sister," a "Dragnet" radio script from 1955, on Saturday, June 20, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 21, at 3 p.m.

"I was disappointed that we had to cancel our spring production of 'Bleacher Bums,'" said board president John Hnat. "But we realized that our staged reading series was perfect for this new medium."

The cast has been rehearsing via Zoom from their own homes. Director Judith Mazur noted, "There are different considerations to take into account when performing on Zoom instead of live, so we did a test run with a limited audience last week, so we could get some constructive feedback."

The cast features Ben Saylor as Joe Friday. Other cast members include John Hnat, Tim Jones, Barbara Wysocki and Margaret Hnat. The performance also will include sound effects just like an old-time radio show.

"While we can't provide refreshments," laughs Hnat, "as audience members are let into the Zoom performance, they will be unmuted, so people can visit. Audience members will be muted at performance time and following the performance they will be unmuted to visit and provide feedback if they wish."

If you would like to "zoom" in to see this free performance, email the theater at bay.village.community.theater@gmail.com. Include your preferred performance date and time in the subject line and the Zoom host will email you the link. We hope to "see" you at the theater! ●

Tri-C Foundation honors Westlake's Gloria Moosmann

by JOHN HORTON

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation board of directors awarded its 2020 Heath Oliver Distinguished Director Award to Westlake's Gloria J. Moosmann in appreciation of her exemplary service to the College and its students.

Moosmann led the Foundation for 16 years while serving as the College's vice president of development, overseeing a period of unprecedented fundraising growth that continues to benefit Tri-C students.

During her tenure, she helped secure more than \$227 million for scholarships and programs. The Foundation's endowment grew from \$4.6 million to more than \$55 million over that same time with the generous support of donors Moosmann helped cultivate.

"I am truly honored and humbled to receive the Heath Oliver Distinguished Director Award," Moosmann said. "Heath was my mentor and dear friend. I admired his strong passion and commitment to our students and am proud to have had an impact on

building the legacy of the Foundation, just as Heath did."

Moosmann's work with the Foundation capped a career at Tri-C that began soon after she enrolled at the College. She worked as a student assistant to Tri-C's first president, Charles Chapman, before earning an associate degree.

She went on to serve Tri-C in a number of roles before assuming leadership of the Foundation.

Moosmann first served on the Foundation's board from 1988 through 1996. From 1999 through 2015, while she led the Foundation, she was an ex-officio board member.

She was reappointed to the board in 2016 and currently serves on the Committee on Directors and the Development Committee. She continues to serve the College as a special adviser to Tri-C President Alex Johnson.

"Gloria continues to contribute her financial and intellectual resources



Gloria J. Moosmann

to the mission," said Megan O'Bryan, president of the Foundation. "She has shown ongoing, significant passion and engagement to provide continued support for Cuyahoga Community College, its students, the Tri-C Foundation and our community."

The Heath Oliver Distinguished Director Award was established in memory of longtime Foundation board director Heath Oliver, a valuable member of the Board from 1988 until his death in 2009. Under his leadership, scholarships for Tri-C students became a fundraising priority; the Foundation successfully launched its first major gifts campaign; and Presidential Scholarship Luncheons raised significant dollars to benefit students.

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, chartered in 1973, is a charitable organization with the mission to secure funding for scholarships and educational program development and enhancement for the College. ●

Food Truck Fridays resume in Bay Village

by SUE KOHL

Bay Village City Hall is once again playing host to a rotating ensemble of food trucks serving up lunch items and sweet treats Fridays this summer. The trucks will park in the City Hall parking lot, 350 Dover Center Road, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday through Sept. 4, except July 3.

Food trucks will be following the recommended best practices set forth by the Ohio Department of Health. All guests must observe proper social distancing while attending. Markers will be placed 6 feet apart to maintain safe distancing, and we suggest wearing masks as an additional layer of protection to help prevent exposure to the virus for employees, vendors and guests.

The 2020 lineup is:

- June 19: SWAT & CLE Cookie Dough
- June 26: Bearden's & Sweet! The Mobile Cupcakery
- July 3: No trucks
- July 10: Thyme Traveler & Signature Slush & Cream
- July 17: Firetruck Pizza & CLE Cookie Dough
- July 24: Manna & Dough Daddy Doughnuts
- July 31: Wholly Frijoles & Sweet! The Mobile Cupcakery
- Aug. 7: Wrap it Up & Signature Slush & Cream
- Aug. 14: Sauced Pizza & CLE Cookie Dough



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Bay Village Mayor Paul Koomar orders lunch from a food truck served by his daughter Jennie Koomar and Sabrina DuPrey.

- Aug. 21: Off the Griddle & Dough Daddy Doughnuts
- Aug. 28: Swenson's & Sweet! The Mobile Cupcakery
- Sept. 4: Hatfield's Goode Grub & Signature Slush & Cream

In the case of inclement weather, food trucks will park near the front of the Dwyer Senior Center. ●

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