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Westlake seeks input on Center Ridge Master Plan



Westlake residents indicate on a map which parts of Center Ridge they like (using green pins), and which areas need improvement (red pins) during a January 2020 public meeting.

by ROBERT ROZBORIL

o you drive or walk on Center Ridge Road? What would you like to see happen along the corridor?

The City of Westlake, with help from County Planning, is currently developing

a Strategic Master Plan for Center Ridge Road. We need your help in providing feedback on potential recommendations included in the plan, so residents are encouraged to take a brief survey at www.countyplanning.us/WestlakeSurvey.

To learn more about the project's vision and goals, residents can also view

a virtual presentation that describes achievements to date, potential recommendations, and next steps for the future. Your involvement is vital so please take a minute to help shape the future of Westlake by viewing the presentation, taking the survey and asking us questions at www.countyplanning.us/CenterRidge.

Bay Village Branch Library accepting book donations for fill-a-bag sale

by TARA MCGUINNESS

s we make the return to even more of our regular services, the Bay Village branch library, 502 Cahoon Road, is once again accepting book donations. And, in lieu of our quarterly book sales, the branch will host an ongoing fill-a-bag sale.

For only \$2, patrons will be able to fill a library provided bag with book sale items. Please ask at the check out desk for your bag. You won't want to miss out on the evervarying assortment of books, DVDs and CDs available for purchase.

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Our Friends of the Library group depends on donated items to fund programs and items for the library.

If you have any questions about items we accept for donations, please call the Bay Village branch at 440-871-6392. •

Westlake's new Community Services Center grand opening and State of the City address

The city of Westlake is holding a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Community Services Center, 28975 Hilliard Blvd., on Tuesday, July 13, starting at 4:30 p.m.

The event will include self-guided tours, music, refreshments, an ice cream truck, a raffle, health screenings and food cooked by UH St. John Medical Center's personal chef.

The grand opening will kick off at 4:30 p.m. with a ribbon cutting and a few remarks from Mayor Clough. Staff will be stationed throughout the Center to provide more information and answer questions as people take their own self-guided tours around the facility.

Beginning at 7 p.m. in the Eileen Humphrey Auditorium, the Westlake | Bay Village Observer will host the State of the City address with Mayor Dennis Clough. Residents are invited to come and learn more about how Westlake managed last year's challenges and what new projects are on the horizon.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Westlake removing Bassett school building

by KATHLEEN CROUSE

Testlake City Schools will be reconfiguring the area on which Bassett Elementary School now stands. With the building no longer in use and in need of expensive repairs, the school district has deemed it more economically beneficial to raze it. The

district recently passed a resolution determining that the Bassett and Holly Lane land will be retained and turned into a green space open to the public, easing concerns of nearby residents who feared the grounds being sold to a private developer.

"The Bassett School building has been a valuable resource to our district for many years," said Westlake Superintendent Dr. Scott Goggin. "We have no plans to sell the property as we find it will be more useful to our community as a green space. And the site will be more beneficial to Westlake Schools years from now when we will need a lot that fits the needs of a growing school district."

See BASSETT page 2



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BASSETT from front page

The transformation of the area is in the first phase of a five-phase plan with preparations for demolition in place. The next phase, taking place in July and August, will be the actual removal of the building. During this time, the playground on the Bassett lot will be temporarily closed, representing the third phase.

The site will be reconditioned, and the green space prepared for public use, during the fourth phase in August and September. The final phase will be the removal of the modular classrooms that currently sit on the Bassett lot.

The public will be able to utilize the restored playground and green space after Labor Day weekend.

"We're happy to be providing a place for children and families to enjoy outdoor activities and exercise," Dr. Goggin added. "Strategically speaking, this reconfiguration makes the most sense for our district and the community.

For more information on Westlake City Schools, visit wlake.org.

Herb Guild will not hold annual luncheon

by BARBARA ARMSTRONG

The Herb Guild Garden Club will not hold its annual Scholarship Luncheon this year due to the Covid pandemic. The luncheon is normally held at the beginning of August. Instead, scholarships will be awarded, but in a private ceremony which will be announced. The club is planning some type of fundraiser for the Fall and details will be published at a later date. Club President, Shirley Swindell, said: "We will come back bigger and better in 2022."

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certain types of plastic are accepted for recycling.

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Westlake Mayor congratulates Safety Town graduates

by ROBERT ROZBORIL

s he has made a point to do year-in and year-out, Westlake ▲Mayor Dennis Clough personally congratulated the first class of graduates from Westlake's 2021 Safety Town program on the grounds of the Westlake Police Station on Thursday, June 17. This year marks the City's 51st consecutive year hosting the program.

Long-time Safety Town director and instructor Olivia Kostecke thanked the mayor for his ongoing support of the program, as well as members of the Police and Fire Departments for their help in sharing their knowledge with the children about a variety of safety topics. Safety Pup, the beloved mascot of the program, was not able to make the first week of graduations but was there for the next one, much to the delight of the kids. He posed for pictures



with each of the graduates alongside the

The Westlake Safety Town program includes basic safety instruction on pedestrians, 9-1-1 usage, school bus procedures, fire and gun safety and stranger caution. This year, children also learned about animal safety and how to determine whether water is safe to swim in. The children visited the fire and police stations for tours and received a certificate upon completion of the program with a report card explaining to parents what lessons they learned and which lessons require more reinforcement.

More information is on the city's website: www.cityofwestlake.org/235/12553/ Safety-Town.

THE GREEN REPORT

Too much garb in the garbage!

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

any people I know think of recycling in terms of plastics, cans, glass, etc. However, we have a global problem with unwanted clothing.

According to the EPA, 84% of discarded clothing ends up in the landfill. In the last 20 years, Americans have doubled the amount of clothes they trash a year from 7 million tons to 14 million tons, which equates to about 80 pounds a year per person. Furthermore, more than 60 percent of fabric fibers made today are synthetic and made from fossil fuels, so when these clothing items end up in a landfill, they will never decay - they will sit there for however many thousands of years with all of the other plastic waste that's thrown into the trash.

The problem of what to do with unwanted clothing is so large that there is currently no good way to deal with it all. Instead of putting unwanted clothing into your trash bound for the landfill, first determine if it can still be used. If it is still viable, please donate it to one of a number of charities that collect unwanted clothing (Goodwill, Salvation Army, Easter Seals, etc.). While this option is much better than the landfill, donating clothing is still not a "perfect" solution. Charities such as Goodwill and the Salvation Army only sell between 20-40% of clothing donated. The clothing they are not able to sell is then sold to textile recyclers.

Clothing that is sent to a textile recycler is sorted into several categories.

About 30% of these textiles is turned into wiping rags for industrial uses, and another 25-30% is recycled into fiber for use as stuffing for upholstery, insulation, and others. The last 45% will remain clothing.

Higher-end pieces may be sent to Japan where there is a large market for vintage or American high-end fashion. The remaining unwanted clothing will be exported to developing nations. This is not a good solution either: exporting unwanted clothing to developing nations sounds like a great idea, however, when clothing is given to people for free, it greatly harms their local economies because the local market and demand for clothing collapses, injuring the livelihoods of local vendors and makers of clothing.

Another choice is to put unwanted textiles into your Simple Recycling bags and place on the curb, or you can bring them to a store with clothing recycling, such as H&M, to "recycle" it. Only 0.1% of clothing collected for recycling is actually recycled into new clothing.

The advent of low-cost, low-quality (also known as "fast fashion") clothing suppliers such as H&M, Forever 21, Old Navy, etc. has increased the problem exponentially. When fashion is available inexpensively, people do not feel the need to wear an item more than a few times. Further, the entire goal of fast-fashion is to get styles quickly to consumers, and frequently stock new styles in the store, so the \$10 skirt may only be "in style" for a short time.

What can you do? Remember this

quote attributed to Yves Saint Laurent: "Fashion fades, style is eternal." For the clothing you already own that you do not want, please donate it, put it in Simple Recycling bag for pick-up on trash days, or bring to a retailer such as H&M. While these are not perfect options, they are much better than putting it directly into the landfill trash.

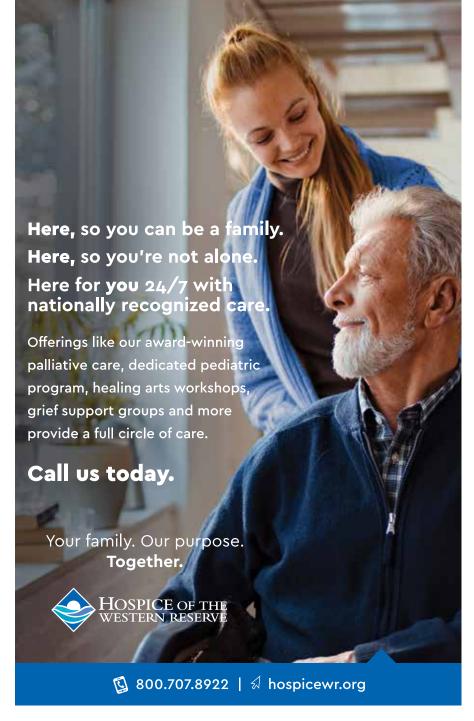
For the future, in my opinion, the best thing you can do is to purchase your clothing thoughtfully. Really consider how much use you are going to get out of it. If it's a cheap item that you think you'll only wear a couple times, do not buy it. Focus on stocking your closet with higherend pieces that are stylish, but not super trendy. The trendy items are the ones that are discarded the most.

Rethink your clothing shopping strategy as an investment and purchase high quality clothing "staples" that you can mix and match with each other. Higher quality items will last you much longer than cheap fast-fashion and save you money in the long run.

You will also slowly convert your closet and drawers into places that contain pieces of clothing that you actually want to wear because they fit well, are high quality and stylish (not trendy). This method of shopping will not only help the planet, but also will simplify your everyday life!

For example, instead of buying five pairs of \$25 jeans, consider buying one or two \$100+ pairs. Believe me, they will fit you better and be a lot more comfortable than the cheap ones anyhow! Jeans are a clothing staple that can be re-worn multiple times between washes, and if you keep them out of the dryer, they'll last even longer. And finally, if you are looking to really make a difference, the most ecoconscious way to acquire clothing is to buy it second-hand from a consignment or thrift store.





DIGGING DOVER

A Sears catalog house kit

Charles Hublitz house, 24756 Detroit Road, circa 1924

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

t all started with a piece of wood with a shipping label on it. Daniel White said he has been finding labels on the back of woodwork as he remodels his Craftsman bungalow at 24756 Detroit Road. The return address on the label of 925 Homan Avenue, Chicago, confirmed that this woodwork was milled for Sears at one of their Ohio lumberyards in Norwood.

He purchased the home from the estate of Charles W. Hublitz in 1980, who Daniel said was like a grandfather to him back in Sheffield Lake, Ohio, where Mr. Hublitz owned a farm.

The label on the wood was addressed to Charles W. Hublitz of North Dover, Ohio, by way of the B & O and Nickel Plate Railroads and delivered to the Bay Village Railroad Station. Sears had been selling building

materials through their catalog starting in 1895, and whole house kits starting in 1908. The county estimated that the house was built in 1908. However, the house doesn't look like any of the models offered in the early years.

County records indicate that in 1891 Charles J. Hublitz (Charles W.'s father) first purchased 15 acres of land on the north side of Detroit Road in Original Lot 78 of Dover Township. The land extended north from Detroit Road all the way to the Nickel Plate railroad tracks.

U.S. Census records of 1900 indicate that Charles J. Hublitz was born in Germany in 1858 and immigrated to the U.S. in 1881. In 1890 he married Louisa L. Hornfischer, who had emigrated from Germany in 1887. Their son "Charlie" was born in 1891, and they were living in Dover by 1900. Charles J. was a farmer and could not

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Mailing label found on back of woodwork at 24756 Detroit Road.



1920 Hopkins plat book showing 1911 house on center east 15.75 acre Hublitz parcel.

read or write in 1900 but he could speak English and was a naturalized citizen. By 1910 there are five children in the household. Based on

the names of nearby neighbors in the census it appears that Charles and Louisa were living in a house near their land. Based on tax records they built a home on their land in 1911.

In 1914 they purchased vacant land from the Hort family who were westerly abutting neighbors. This land eventually became the site for the subject house.

According to "Bay Village: A Way of Life," in 1917 Charles W. Hublitz, at 26, was a founding member and trustee of what eventually became Bay Presbyterian Church. In the 1920 U.S. Census he is still living with his parents and younger siblings. Both father and son are listed as fruit farmers. Charles W. married Lena Stampfli in 1922. When Charles J. died in 1923, he was buried in Evergreen Cemetery with a son, William.

The subject house does not appear on a 1920 plat map. Tax records indicate that it did exist by 1926. It was built by Charles W. around the time of his marriage, on property that his parents still owned, west of their 1911 house. More research is needed to determine the exact year of construction.

When Charles J. died in 1923, the land and houses were eventually passed on to his wife and heirs in 1931. That same year Charles W. and Lena purchased a 95-foot-wide parcel of the land from their mother-in-law and other heirs which matches the legal description of the property now owned by Daniel White.

In the mid-1930s, as well as in 1976, Charles W. Hublitz was residing at 24756 Detroit Road according to address directories. A 1945 directory lists him owning 70 acres in Westlake at that time. A 1956 article in the Elyria Chronicle Telegram notes that he owns and farms 75 acres in Sheffield but lives elsewhere and is against the proposed annexation of his land to the City of Lorain.

It appears that the five-



Photo of picture of Vallonia model as found in 1926 Sears catalog.



24756 Detroit Road photo looking northeast attached to 1950s County Auditor building card.



24756 Detroit Road photo looking northwest.

bedroom bungalow is the Vallonia model, with some customization which was encouraged by Sears. The Vallonia was first offered by Sears in 1921. It was one of their best-selling models. The Whites' home is different in that intricate wood porch columns have been replaced by brick piers and a bay window on the west façade has been eliminated and a side porch and entrance added.

Back in 2010 this author, Tom Phillips and the late Sally Price drove up and down the streets of Bay Village in search of surviving Sears kit homes. We prepared display boards of the results which were part of an exhibition in the Reuben Osborn Learning Center. An article was written by Tom Phillips for the April 19, 2011, issue of the Observer about the exhibition.

The search was widened to include Westlake and several more Sears homes were found. Here, right under our noses was another Sears house waiting to be discovered. See the display when the Osborn Learning Center re-opens on July 11.

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Step back in time at Rose Hill Museum

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

ose Hill Museum and the Reuben Osborn Learn-ing Center will reopen to the public on Sunday, July 11, after extensive renovations. The Cahoon log cabin replica will also be open.

The Bay Village Historical Society will be holding a special afternoon fundraiser, "Back in Time: A Celebration at Rose Hill Museum," on Sunday, July 25, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"We have been counting the days until Rose Hill, the Osborn Learning Center and the Cahoon cabin can be open again to the public. People have been knocking at the door to view our treasures and hear about the rich history our community enjoys and we are anxious to finally invite them in. To celebrate our reopening, we are kicking the season off to take you 'Back in Time' with a special event," said society president Cathy Flament.

"Plans are underway for a leisurely afternoon on the grounds to enjoy a light refreshment and tour of the museum to view the improvements and additions that have been made over the last two years. The cabin has been closed to the public for a few years and will finally be open. Osborn Learning Center features new displays and a special addition to our furniture collection. We encourage you to join in the festivities and bring friends, neighbors and family to help support the historical society. Tours will be staggered," Flament said.

The event will include linencovered tables with flower centerpieces on the lawn in front of the museum. Special cookies and a choice of liquid refreshments will be served. The cost is \$10. A reservation form can be downloaded from the society's website: bayhistorical.com. Checks may be made payable to "BVHS" and mailed to Colleen Harding, 30508 Salem Dr., Bay Village, OH 44140. You may also pay via PayPal on the society's website.

The museum and learning center, 27715 Lake Road, are open from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free. Group tours can be arranged. Phone 440-871-7338.

Membership in the Bay Village Historical Society is open to anyone interested in keeping history alive. Families are welcome. Call 216-386-5997 for membership details.

Bay Village School District names Lindsey Holeman Director of Student Services

by KAREN UTHE SEMANCIK

indsey Holeman will be Bay Village Schools' Director of Student Services. She starts her new position on Aug. 2, 2021. Holeman replaces Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Martha "Marty" Patton, who is retiring after 14 years with the District.

Holeman most recently served as Principal of Redwood Elementary School in Avon Lake. Prior to that role, she was Director of Student Services for Perkins Local Schools in Sandusky – a position she was promoted to after serving as that district's Special Education Coordinator. The Huron resident has also served as an intervention specialist with Vermilion Local Schools, Perkins Local Schools and Sandusky City Schools.

tor of Student Services for Perkins Local Schools, Holeman oversaw initiatives that resulted in increasing that district's Gap Closing scores from 18-86% in three years, and improving all failing Value Added scores to straight As in one year.

During her career, Holeman has been asked to be a keynote presenter for several educational professional organizations, including the Ohio Partnership for Excellence in Paraprofessional Preparation (OPEPP) and the Ohio Deans Compact on Exceptional Children. She is a member of the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators and the Ohio Association of Pupil Service Administrators, and is a District Partner for the Ohio Partnership for Excellence in Paraprofessional Preparation.

She is a graduate of Bowling Green State University (Bachelor of Science in Education with the District.

and Master's in Educational Administration & Supervision), and is currently pursuing her Superintendent Licensure, also with BGSU.

Holeman and her husband, Kyle, have two daughters, Madison, 12, and Taylor, 5. She enjoys spending time with her family, vacationing and coaching her daughters' sports teams.

Bay Village Schools Superintendent Jodie Hausmann said Holeman's background and exemplary service to the students she has served made her stand out when interviewing for

"Lindsey's impressive lead learning as both a former Director of Student Services and as a Building Principal pushed her to the top of the pack," Hausmann said. "She is well-respected in her field, and Bay Village Schools is fortunate to have her taking over this important role THE DIGITAL WORLD

Bad boys, bad boys, whatcha gonna do when they come for you?

by TAK SATO

ack when I had more free-time to watch the "tube," (that'd be more than two decades ago - LOL), a show I enjoyed watching was "Cops." These days, though, thanks to the ubiquity of the internet, content similar to "Cops" is bountiful for instant enjoyment. My internet-connected smartphone that goes everywhere I go is akin to my "personal tube," providing bottomless content to stream from the digital world that can be enjoyed anywhere/

But I still enjoy reading the "Police Blotter" sent out by our local departments. Other than the entertainment value provided by the criminal minds [sarcasm intended], they often reveal tactics employed by the nefarious for online fraud.

One particular tactic disclosed in a highlighted incident from a recent Police Blotter report correlates with what I have been observing personally. Through analyzing the messages left on our answering machine and voicemails, plus reading the unsolicited text messages and emails, there sure seems to be an uptick in scammers trying to get their potential victims to send cash or gift cards.

This scam also touches habit #10 of the "Internet Street Smarts" list I penned just this past April: Do not send cash, checks, gift cards or valuables without discussing the matter with family and/ or close friends who you trust.

In retrospect, it's one thing to consult other trust-

friends on a questionable message that came via text messaging or email but it's another to be put on the spot when you've answered a probable scam phone call.

Whatever the storyline fed to you by the caller, for example a fraudulent charge they intercepted or a credit amount coming to you, do NOT give out any information! Stay calm, jot down whatever information they give you, and then politely hang up.

Remember that one of the telltale signs that the caller is trying to scam you is if the impostor asks you to buy gift cards and further instructs you to scratch off the back to give them the unique card numbers. No legitimate entity will ask you to buy gift cards to settle something. Again, do NOT give any information.

If you are still bothered that the phone call you cut short may have been legitimate, for your peace of mind you can always call the customer service telephone number printed on your credit card or if it was regarding your personal check or debit card associated with your bank account, visit your local branch. Never call back the number left by the caller!

Unless you are accustomed to doing business by logging into your online account at the credit card issuer or your bank's website, in which case you should be able to get a verified customer service number upon log in, be careful when googling for a customer service number. Why? Although it has gotten better, search results may not always put the right answer at worthy family members and the top of the list returned.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

WCOG meets in the heat at Big Met

by LWV observer JUDITH WEISS

This report contains member observations and selected highlights of the June 9 meeting of the Westshore Council of Governments. It is not an official statement by the League of Women *Voters, nor does it represent the official minutes* of the meeting.

Another disclaimer: This meeting was held in the room off the pro shop/snack bar at Big Met Golf Course. Due to the heat and everyone speaking quietly and rapidly, this observer was unable to hear much of what was being said.

Present: Mayors Cooney, Fairview Park, presiding; Koomar, Bay Village; George, Lakewood; Bobst, Rocky River: Kennedy, North

Meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. **Cleveland Metroparks:** Brian Zimmerman, CEO of Cleveland Metroparks spoke first, filling mayors in on numerous current, recently completed, or about to be started, projects; mainly those affecting West Side communities. He is particularly excited about ongoing building of bike trails connecting the parks with Lake Erie, and connecting the West Side with the East Side of the Cleveland area.

The Metroparks system is 104 years old, and has a strong strategic plan that will be rolled out in 8-9 months. There will probably be a fund-raising campaign to go with it. This year, there is a problem filling jobs, so many normal activities such as litter collection will not be as prompt or thorough as usual. In past years, they would have 9,000 job applicants for the summer, but this year they had none.

Zimmerman expressed appreciation

for the partnerships between the cities and the Metroparks. For the mayors' parts, Mayor Bobst expressed appreciation for the Metroparks staff's expertise and their willingness to answer questions.

COMMISSION REPORTS

RTA - Koomar: System redesign is coming out this week. RTA is ordering equipment, including replacement Rapid cars.

NOACA - Bobst: There is a lot of chatter about the Long Range Plan, which is 172 pages long. Bobst recommended reading it online but not printing the whole thing out. Some of the projects have already been approved; she did not specify which.

Land Bank - George: There has been a modular home tour of new units along the lakefront. Some meetings with residents concerning lakeside access have been taking place, but the city has not been notified. They do not know who called the meetings - possibly the Planning Commission - but the city should be involved. This situation needs to be investigated. The city is excited about the process, and they do need to have one-onone conversations with property owners to facilitate the process. They need an inventory of plans. The County provides funding for implementation.

Mayors and Managers Assn. - George: Fairview Park will have to close its pool due to a roof leak. It will reopen in a year. Lakewood also needs to modernize its pool – it was built in the '60s and is just a big rectangle. They want to put in splash pads, etc.

New Business: There will be no WCOG meetings in July or August, unless something that needs a vote comes up.

THE MEDICAL INSIDER

Meet Omi

This is the first installment in a series of articles on harm reduction in drug overdoses.

by DIANA PI, M.D.

mi, as her family calls her, is a 47-year-old cocaine and heroin addict. She shares her story so you and I can understand and, hopefully, help her and others like her.

Her candor can be brutal: She stole, she robbed, she sold her body. "People whisper," she said, and she wanted to tell her story her way.

An anything-but-routine gynecology visit

Weeks ago, at the clinic, my midwife colleague saw a new patient scheduled for a routine gynecology exam.

Alarmed, she called me in.

I walked in and found Omi sinking in a chair, bent-over, soaked in sweat - in a bad heroin withdrawal. Next to her stood her sisterin-law, teary-eyed. The day before, she found Omi in Chicago where she'd been homeless for years and brought her here. "She's family. She deserves another chance."

Meet Omi

Omi was born in Puerto Rico. Her mother had nine children; she kept two and gave away the rest. Omi was 3 months old when her foster family took her. There were abuses. For punishment, she knelt on rice and wire mesh. Men were easy with their fingers and hands.

She tried cocaine at 14 when a cousin told her it would make her feel better. It didn't.

She tried weed, vomited, felt

At 15, Omi reached out to her biological mother and was turned away because her mother then had a new husband and children.

She couldn't stop crying.

A cousin took pity on her. Omi moved in with her and babysat her two kids when she worked. For reward, she was given small amount of heroin to snort. She

made her forget everything the abuse, the sadness. She had energy. She cooked and cleaned and took care of the children all was well until her cousin was busted for prostitution.

At 16, she was admitted to the hospital for her first heroin withdrawal. At 17, she had her first of three children. Today, her brother has custody of her youngest. She made sure I knew that she was sober when she was pregnant.

She stole and robbed houses to support her habit. At 23, she spent five years in a prison for robbery. The occupant of the house she robbed beat her with a broom, and she cut his finger badly. She ran out, but he accused her of stealing \$800, which she didn't do.

"Nobody believed me," she

In prison, she finished 10th grade. She really enjoyed school. Since then, she has received four

She followed a boyfriend to New Jersey and was sober for 13 years. At age 36, she relapsed. The Puerto Rican authorities referred her to a drug rehabilitation program in Chicago.

"They did nothing." She slept on the floor and attended AA. In no time, she was on the street using.

Friends or foes

In the Windy City, away from her family, Omi lived for years under bridges in a huddle with 12 other Puerto Rican men, who gave her space and respect.

"But they can sell you for \$10," she said. For example, if you didn't pay for your drugs, the dealer could easily find somebody to kill you for as little as \$10 in drugs.

"Not even enough to get high," she said, "why do it?" Overnight, friends could turn into foes. She constantly feared for her life.

But then she met the "lady," who showed up every Thursday by the bridge with her truck of supplies and who was instrumental in keeping her and others safe - and alive all these years.

Omi's story will be continued in the next issue. Next time: Meet the "truck lady," harm reduction

READER'S OPINION

Alzheimer's took our dad

by VALERIE WILLIAMS

om and Florence were married for over 60 years. After the death of Florence, Tom was different. Laughing with family and friends had stopped. His behavior was labeled as "grieving" the loss of Florence. After a while, the family had a meeting and Tom decided to move upstairs from his adult children. For a while he was back to his old self, only it didn't last.

Since Tom wasn't complaining the family thought all was well. His son didn't agree. He began to tell anyone who would listen that Dad needed someone to help him. His family accused him of overreacting.

One day Tom's son came by and noticed he was sitting in a chair staring into space. He called to Tom and there was no answer. He looked around the apartment and discovered

Tom had not washed himself or eaten any food. He velled down to his siblings to come upstairs and call 911; they did. The doctor told them Tom was experiencing the early stages of Alzheimer's. After a few days Tom was discharged home. The family took turns visiting Tom. He continued to show no interest in socializing or watching his favorite television shows.

When his son came by, he began to look around for the plant that was

given to Tom. To his dismay Tom had gotten hungry and eaten the leaves off the poinsettia plant. Tom began to wail, holding his stomach he fell to the floor. He was rushed to the hospital. The doctor explained that Tom obviously thought the plant was something to eat. This time he had to stay in the hospital for a while. One evening, out of nowhere, Tom called for help! The nurse ran into his room and he told her to call for his family to come.

Everyone arrived as fast as they could. To their surprise Tom was sitting up in bed smiling. He stretched out his hands to the semi-circle, and they all held hands. Tom began singing and they joined in. There wasn't a dry eye in the room. After Tom was done singing, he dropped from holding hands and clasped his hands into a praying position. | was immediately hooked. Heroin in action.

Everyone did the same. As he said the Lord's Prayer they followed along. He became silent, laid back and blew kisses to all as his eyes closed.

If you believe someone you love is showing signs of Alzheimer's, dementia or Parkinson's, please don't wait to consult a doctor.





6 ways to enjoy nature with your preschooler

by MORGAN PASKERT

't's officially summer! The sun is shining, the weather is warm, animals are out and about, and families are exploring the outdoors.

Below are Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's activity ideas for you to enjoy nature with your preschooler this season.

Embark on a nature scavenger hunt

Summer is the perfect time to hike with preschoolers. Bring along a nature scavenger hunt for your child to discover new things in the forest – or even in your own back yard (printable scavenger hunts are available at lensc.org/visit/virtuallearning).

For the littlest of hikers, we recommend gathering a box of crayons or paint samples so that they can match them with colorful things in nature.

Explore nature at night

round of s'mores and observe the sights and sounds around you. Listening for owls, looking for lightning bugs and learning how to identify constellations make for a perfect summer night.

If your preschooler cannot stay awake until dark, spend your summer observing the moon. Full moons will occur on July 23 and Aug. 22. Look for the full moon rising as the sun sets.

Catch "bubbleflies"

No butterflies will be harmed in this Lake Erie Nature & Science Center preschool favorite! For this backyard activity, all you will need are butterfly nets and bubble liquid. Blow bubbles for the kids to catch!

Make nature sensory bottles

Nature sensory bottles can be a calming activity for your preschooler after a busy summer day.

First, find a mason jar or any clear Cuddle up around a bonfire, enjoy a container with a lid. Fill it with pieces of

nature, such as flower petals, leaves or pebbles, then top it with water. Shake the jar and watch as the pieces of nature settle — and your preschooler settles, too!

Read outside

Grab a few books, bring a blanket to sit on, find a tree to lean up against or build an outdoor fort. Read together or allow your child time to read to themselves - whichever feels appropriate.

Some of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's favorite preschool books include "The Hike" by Alison Farrell; "Waiting" by Kevin Henkes; and "Stick and Stone" by Beth Ferry and Tom Lichtenheld.

Combine hiking and reading with Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's storybook trail (located north of the facility), which features "Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson.

Visit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

Need a break from the summer heat? Lake Erie Nature & Science Center offers



Preschoolers catch "bubbleflies."

free general admission to indoor and outdoor animal exhibits and natural history displays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Planetarium shows such as Twinkle Tots and Stellar Stars cost \$5 per person and are specifically designed for preschool children.

To plan your visit, head to www.

Westlake Kiwanis to bring pancakes to Rotary art festival

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis will serve a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Westlake-Bay Village Rotary Art Festival from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, July 31, at Westlake Elementary School. Donations will be welcome.

Come on out and eat pancakes while enjoying this non-profit Art Festival and supporting countless local groups such as Connecting for Kids, RePlay for Kids, Lakeshore Day

Camp, Meals on Wheels, Hospice for the Western Reserve, Safety Town and many more.

Mark the date Saturday, July 31, 2021 and support your local Rotary and Kiwanis clubs while enjoying yourself.



Andrew Mangels, Westlake Kiwanian and Rotarian, mixes up pancake batter.

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WESTLAKE-BAY VILLAGE ROTARY

The Art Festival, formerly held at St. John West Shore Hospital, will be held this year ON THE GROUNDS WEST **OF PORTER LIBRARY.** The Festival plans to be a pet friendly, family fun event complete with live music, food trucks, ice cream, a wine and beer garden and plenty of free parking at Westlake Elementary School. There are plans for over 50 artists and crafters to display their unique art works.

Saturday, July 31 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free parking at Westlake Elementary School, 27555 Center Ridge Road **FREE ADMISSION**

For more information about the festival, visit: westlakebayvillagerotaryartfest.com

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Bay Board of Education June 28 meeting overview

by LWV observer CYNTHIA WHITE

This report contains member observations of the June 28 meeting of the Bay Village Board of Education. It is not an official statement by the League of Women Voters, nor does it represent the official minutes of the meeting.

Board members present: Beth Lally; Scott Schulz; Dave Vegh, vice president; Paul Vincent; Lisa Premier, president; Jodie Hausmann, superintendent.

The meeting was held in the high school auditorium with several hundred people in attendance.

The first item for discussion was the equity report the board had commissioned from Almitra Berry, Ed.D. from A.L Berry Consulting. Dr. Berry flew in to present the just completed report at the meeting. Dr. Holly Schaefer, Bay Schools' director of human resources, opened the presentation in order to provide context

for Dr. Berry's report. She presented a history of equity and inclusivity in Bay Village and the rationale for forming a diversity and equity committee in the spring of 2020.

Marty Patton, assistant superintendent of special services, discussed equity from her perspective as a special education teacher and the wonderful results she has seen over the years which have stemmed from the school system's attention to the individual needs of each student. Ramsey Inman, Bay High assistant principal, then presented his view that we have a great school system that does not shy away from continuous improvement. The goal is for every student to feel safe and valued and for the teachers to notice the individual needs of each student so they can optimally learn and grow. He expressed his appreciation for all the family support students in this district receive.

Dr. Berry then presented an overview of the purpose of her study, which was to measure equity assets and challenges in the Bay Schools, and then a summary of her findings. She submitted her 60-page report to the Board at the meeting. Her presentation and other information about equity in the Bay Schools is available at bayvillageschools.com/equity_commitment.

Following these presentations, the floor was opened for public discussion of the report. A lively and intense discussion was held with diverse perspectives and concerns presented. Board president Lisa Premier extended the discussion time by half an hour but then called for the end of discussion so that the rest of the board's agenda could be completed. Objections were raised to stopping the discussion when there were people who still wanted to speak. Mrs. Premier called for a town hall meeting to be scheduled in the near future so that citizens can continue to discuss what diversity, equity and inclusion means to Bay Village and its schools.

The meeting continued as per the agenda, with the board approving appointments and resignations of certified personnel and classified personnel, approval of continued membership in the Ohio Schools Council, approval of the contract for PEP, approval of new Student Handbooks for each school level.

Superintendent Hausmann's report included that hiring has come to a close for next school year and the process went very well. She shared the new high school profile sheet which is shared with colleges to give information about Bay schools. The new state report card will have stars instead of letter grades and there will be revisions in the performance ratings. These are being submitted to the state legislature for approval. She recently met with new Bay Village police Chief Rob Gillespie and reviewed the schools' emergency plans and drills. The recent Supreme Court ruling on student free speech will need to monitored for possible impact in Bay.

Treasurer Megan Rohde reported general fund expenses were less than expected and revenues were as expected.

The Board adjourned to executive session. The next regular Board meeting will be Monday, July 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bay Middle School Media Center, 27725 Wolf Road. ●

Sea Scouts offer free tire maintenance kit

by HANNAH BERGMANN, JOE BEAUCHESNE, LAYLA MEAUX and PAUL MOODY

of pollution from tire wear (see the Observer issue of Feb. 3, 2021, article: "How dangerous are vehicle tire microplastics?"), Team Tyres applied for and received a \$5,000 grant to act upon our newly gained knowledge. Having learned that 1.8 million tons of microplastics are shed by tires in the U.S. each year, 15-20% of which end up in our lakes and streams, the team resolved to tackle the problem.

Our research project for the Army Edu-

cational Outreach Program, eCyberMission, placed Team Tyres State Champions, Regional Finalists, and winners of the STEM-in-Action grant. We learned that proper tire maintenance reduced wear and increased safety, and so with our funding, we purchased 500 each of the Victor tire pressure gauges and Morton tire depth gauges. Consumer Reports rated the Victor gauge as No. 1 in stick gauges, and we purchased the Morton gauge because of its ease of use.

Bay Days gave us the perfect opportunity to practice community service. The Bay Village Chief of Police, Rob Gillespie, agreed to encourage community engagement and distribute the tire maintenance kits at the Bay Days Fair. To help forward the mission of the Bay Village Green Team, "to improve the quality of life by decreasing our city's environmental footprint," Team Tyres handed out the tire maintenance kits at the Green Team fair booth during a busy Saturday afternoon. The community appreciated the research and concern the scouts show for the environment.



Team Tyres meets with Bay Village Police Chief Rob Gillespie to discuss the distribution of the tire maintenance kits. Pictured with the chief, from left: Hannah Bergmann, Paul Moody, Layla Meaux and Joe Beauchesne.

PHOTO BY WARTIN REUBEN

Bay Village residents Dennis Driscoll, left, and Dennis Kelly clean donated carriers and kennels at the Bay Village Kennel.

PET CARE

Bay Village animal updates

by NANCY BROWN

Village Kennel recently completed the annual cleaning, inventory and restocking of the kennel. FOBVK serves as a volunteer support function to the Bay Village Police Department and Animal Control.

With warmer weather and more residents adopting and walking dogs, please be reminded of the city leash laws and pick up the dog waste ordinances.

Please also know that state law requires that your dog must be licensed. You can purchase a dog license online through the county at cuyahogadogs.com or at Discount Drug Mart. It's a free ticket home if your dog gets lost. Bay Village Police can search a dog license number on a found dog. A complete list of Bay Village animal ordinances is available at cityofbayvillage.com or through the law department.

Many of the dogs and cats lost and found in the city have no identification or a microchip. Please ensure, for the safe return of your pets, that identification is current. Consider a microchip for each pet and keep it active and

If you find a lost, deceased or injured animal please contact the police department. If you can share on social media, please do. Dogs may also be taken to the police station or you can call the police to meet you at the kennel or a resident's home.

It's another wave of kitten season and FOBVK has helpful information on their Facebook page, facebook.com/FOBVK, with options that are available to assist residents and a contact available to answer questions and assist. Please spay and neuter your pets, and keep them current on vaccines and identification.

Thank you for keeping the community safe for both the two- and four-legged residents. •

SPORTING VIEWS

It is time to give the Cleveland Baseball team their due (reluctantly)

by JEFF BING

was watching the local major league baseball team a few days ago - at least ■ I thought I was but wasn't entirely sure until I saw Jose Ramirez - and it occurred to me how far off I was with my gloom and doom prediction for this baseball season.

To be sure, they have had so many debilitating injuries this year with an already shaky roster, that the wheels indeed may soon come off this year's baseball party bus, but all the same, it will be difficult to fault the organization for that.

I was thinking about last year's opening day lineup, and I recall not being especially enamored with that group, but

when compared to this year's collection of questionable talent, last year's talent level approached the '95 Tribe.

Actually, 3 of the 8 position players returned, which unto itself was surprising; then again, I'm approaching the age where some days I wake up wondering if Rocky Colavito would be in right field that day, so take my comments for what

The 3 retreads from last year were Roberto Perez, Cesar Hernandez, and perhaps you've heard of this guy - Jose Ramirez (3B). It probably says something right there that they brought back 3 guys when only one (see if you can guess who) is what one might describe as a keeper.

Not to disparage Perez, who is a heck

of a catcher, but his hitting prowess is right up there with Mario Mendoza's (don't ask). And Cesar Hernandez (2B) has exceeded my expectations as well, but that's not difficult when

my expectations from him were something like zero to begin with.

From there, we moved from Carlos Santana to Yu Chang at first base. When Carlos was cold, he couldn't hit a tee-ball off the stand. But when he was hot, he could carry the team for a couple of weeks. Chang still has something to prove ... like, uh, everything.

Anyway, that takes us to shortstop, where the Indians hoped Andres Giminez would make Tribe fans forget about Francisco Lindor. Actually, the way Lindor has performed so far this year, forgetting about Frankie isn't a problem. Fans would much rather forget about Giminez. Certainly, the way Giminez has performed so far this year has NOT prompted any comparisons to

Omar Vizquel. Not even any with Frank Duffy (don't ask).

Jordan Luplow began this year in center field, after starting 2020 in left. I had high hopes for this guy, but he's not making anyone forget Jake Bauers. 'Nuff said.

Eddie Rosario is in left field, and he is not embarrassing himself at the plate, but he can offset that with his (in-)ability to play the outfield. He's the classic fill-in who is clearly a rental until they can find someone (anyone?) better.

The last outfielder is Josh Naylor, who was (incredibly) becoming a young star before his season was ended by a freak injury. He's definitely a keeper, and here's hoping he returns to form without any ill effects from his injury.

Just about every starting pitcher outside of Shane Beiber has been injured this year, and somehow they are still treading water.

It's a tribute to Terry Francona and the rest of the organization. Clearly, they are doing something right.



Tai Chi practice group at Huntington

by GEORGE RYAN

ai Chi continues at 9:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Bay Village on the west side of the Huntington Park Reservation, overlooking Lake Erie. Pat

Heinke continues to lead a practice group as she has done for 23 years. For those who would like to try the Qigong exercises followed by Wu style short form Tai Chi or the long form that follows, you may join the group of all ages. The sessions are free and all newcomers are welcome.

WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

STEAM Week returns to WPPL July 18-24!

by ELAINE WILLIS

oin Westlake Porter Public Library for our annual STEAM Week from July 18-24! Learn all about science, technology, engineering, arts and math in a variety of ways while helping kids prepare for the coming school year.

All week long, the library will feature blog posts on its website about science, technology, engineering, arts, and math, as well as a variety of programs for all ages. Listen to naturalists talk about the fascinating world of animals as part of the "Tails & Tales" Summer Library Challenge theme and read about the science behind animals (and other topics) in exclusive articles.

Pick-up craft kits will be available for all ages starting Monday, July 19. You must register for them starting Monday,

July 12, at westlakelibrary.org.

In addition, the library will also be offering the following science, technology, engineering, arts and math programs for all

Monday, July 19 (2-3 p.m.) Tails & Tales (Live) - Get up close and personal with native animals from Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Learn what makes a reptile different from a mammal or a bird. See scales, feathers, and fur from all different animals in this virtual presentation. Investigate the purpose of an animal's tail and see how these different animals move in their environment. Live on Zoom. Appropriate for elementary school-age kids to adults. Please register.

Tuesday, July 20 (1-2 p.m.) **Monarch Butterflies (Live)** - Join a naturalist from Rocky River Nature Center on Zoom

for a look into the fascinating lives of Monarch butterflies. We'll explore their beginnings from egg to caterpillar and, as winged adults, their migration to Mexico. For adults. Please register. You will receive Zoom instructions by email.

Tuesday, July 20 (7-8 p.m.) **Build Your Own Board Game** (Live) - Join us on Zoom to show off your creation and play some board game trivia. Grades 7-12. Build Your Own Board Game supply kits will be available in the Youth Services Department beginning July 13. You will need a kit to participate in the program. Please register. Registering for this event reserves a kit for you.

Wednesday, July 21 (4-5 p.m.) Summer Teen Writers Workshop (Live) - An online Zoom meet up for writers in grades 7-12. Join fellow Teen writers every other Wednesday this summer as we create an anthology of short stories. You pick the genre, characters, time period – everything. During each session we'll reveal a new writing challenge to be worked into your story. Come with an idea and by the end, you'll leave with a fantastic short story. Please register.

Wednesday, July 21 (7-8 p.m.) **Adult Creative Writing Group**

- Join us for an hour of creative writing prompts to inspire you to start and keep writing. Creativity is more than putting pen to paper. It's about breaking away and trying something new! Please bring a notebook and a pen or pencil. This program is weather permitting. Staff will make every effort to notify you in a timely manner if we cannot meet in person. If we cannot meet in person, we will meet on Zoom. Zoom invites will be sent to all registered attendees only if we will not be meeting in person. Registration begins July 7.

Thursday, July 22 (11-11:30 a.m.) WPPL Annual Egg Drop - Join us on Facebook for our annual egg drop! Children entering grades K-6 in the fall can register to reserve an egg drop kit (minus the egg) for pick-up on July 14, then use the kit to create their own egg protecting contraption! Contraptions must be returned to the library by 4:30 p.m. on July 18. Join us on Facebook or YouTube on July 22 to see the fate of this year's eggs!

Thursday, July 22 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) Roblox Arcade (Live) -

We have private servers set up for Tweens in grades 4-6 to hang out with their friends and enjoy some of the most popular games via Zoom. Please register.

Friday, July 23 (10-10:30 a.m.) Adapted Storytime in the Garden - Join us for this storytime in the Reading Garden designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3 to 7 years but all ages are welcome. Siblings may attend but must register separately. Registration begins July 16. This program is weather permitting. Staff will make every effort to notify you in a timely manner if we cannot meet in-person. If we cannot meet in-person, we will meet on Zoom. Zoom invites will be sent to all registered attendees only if we will not be meeting in person. Please register every person that will be attending, including children and adults. Caregivers must stay with their child(ren) during the programming.

To more information, to find the blogs or to register for any of the kits or programs, please visit westlakelibrary.org/ steam-week.

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Westlake Porter Public Library's

early July calendar of events

by ELAINE WILLIS

Following is Westlake Porter Public Library's early July 2021 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.

Wednesdays, July 7 and 21 (4-5 p.m.) **Summer Teen Writers Work-shop (Live) –** Join fellow Teen writers (grades 7-12) this summer as we create an anthology of short stories. You pick the genre, characters, time period – everything. During each session we'll reveal a new writing challenge to work into your story. Come with an idea and by the end, you'll leave with a fantastic short story. Registration begins one week before each session. Participants must provide an email address to receive Zoom information.

Wednesday, July 7 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Horror Film Club: Online Edition –** New members are always welcome, but children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register. The Horror Film Club will continue to meet online using the video sharing site Watch-2Gether. To participate, check the event on the library's website 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.

Thursdays, July 8 and 15 (1-1:30 p.m.) **Family Storytime (Live) –** Join us on Zoom for an interactive storytime featuring books, rhymes, songs and movement. For families with children ages 2-6. Siblings welcome. Registration begins one week before each session. Participants must provide an email address to receive Zoom instructions.

Thursdays, July 8 and 22 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) **Roblox Arcade (Live) -** We have some private servers set up for Tweens in grades 4-6 to hang out with their friends and enjoy some of the most popular games via Zoom. Please register.

Fridays, July 9 and 23 (9-9:30 a.m.) **Yoga with Ms. Jen! –** Calm your body, mind, and spirit in this yoga class taught

by Ms. Jen, certified yoga instructor! Dress for the weather and bring your own mat/towel and water bottle as we will be in-person OUTSIDE weather permitting. Up to grade 1. If we cannot meet inperson, we will meet on Zoom. Staff will make every effort to notify you in a timely manner if that's the case. Zoom invites will be sent to all registered attendees only if we will not be meeting in person. Registration begins one week before each session. Please register every person that will be attending, including children and adults. Caregivers must stay with their child(ren) during the programs. Masks are required for anyone ages 2 and up.

Friday, July 9 (4-4:30 p.m.) **Mystery STEAM Bag Challenge** – Join us in the Reading Garden and use provided materials to complete the design challenge then share your design! Grades 1-2. Please register every person that will be attending, including children and adults. Caregivers must stay with their child(ren). This program is weather permitting. Staff will make every effort to notify you in a timely manner if we cannot meet in person.

Saturday, July 10 (4-5 p.m.) **STEAM Maker Lab: Bubble Science –** Learn more about solar energy. Kits available in the Youth Services Department. Grades 3-5. Please register.

Saturday, July 10 (9-11 p.m.) Movie **Under the Stars -** Enjoy a feature length newly released DVD or favorite family classic. Contact the library for the title. We will be outside, socially-distanced in our field enjoying an evening under the stars. Movies will begin at dusk so feel free to bring lawn chairs or blankets for chilly evenings. (Snacks are okay to bring, however masks must be worn anytime you are not actively eating.) Building restrooms will be accessible. Please register every person that will be attending including children and adults. Caregivers must stay with their child(ren) during the program. Masks are required for anyone ages 2 and up.

Sunday, July 11 (2-3 p.m.) **American Girl Doll Club: Picnic Fun! –** Join us for some American Girl Doll Club fun! Ages

6-10. This program is in-person weather permitting. If we cannot meet in-person, we will meet on Zoom. A decision about weather will be made 24 hours in advance to allow time for you to pick up supplies. There is no supply pick up if we meet in person. Zoom invites will be sent to all registered attendees only if we will not be meeting in person. Masks are required for anyone ages 2 and up. Ages 6-10. Please register.

Monday, July 12 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) **Summer Bug Mania Sensory Kit –** Pick up a bug mania kit and experience the amazing world of backyard bugs! Preschool-Grade 4. Sensory Kits will be available for pick up until 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, unless other arrangements are made. Please register.

Tuesday, July 13 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) **Build Your Own Board Game Supply Pick-Up and Program (Live) -** Register to pick
up a kit and then join us for a Zoom program on July 20 to show off your creation,
see what everyone else created, and we'll
also do some board game trivia. Grades
7-12. You will need a kit to participate in
the program. Please register. Registering
for the kit also registers you for the program. Participants must provide an email
address to receive Zoom instructions.

Tuesday, July 13 (11-11:30 a.m.) and Wednesdays, July 14 and 28 (7-7:30 p.m.) **Family Storytime -** Join us in person, weather permitting, for an interactive storytime featuring books, rhymes, songs and movement. For families with children up to 2-6, siblings welcome. Staff will make every effort to notify you in a timely manner if we cannot meet inperson. In that case we will meet on Zoom. Zoom invites will be sent to all registered attendees only if we will not be meeting in person. Registration begins one week before each session. Please register every person that will be attending including children and adults. Caregivers must stay with their child(ren) during programming. Masks are required for anyone ages 2 and up.

Tuesday, July 13 (1-3 p.m.) **Career Transition: Planning and Managing Time During Job Search (Live) –** Going in circles trying to find a new position or change your career? What is your plan? Most job seekers do not spend time efficiently to get the best outcome for their time invested. Learning how to plan

your work and work your plan might get you to the next step quicker. Try the ABC method of ranking priorities to overcome obstacles to success! Please register to receive an email containing instructions for joining us via Zoom.

Tuesday, July 13 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Tuesday Evening Book Discussion (Live) -** Join the WPPL Tuesday Evening Book Club IN PERSON outdoors for a discussion of "How to Cook Everything Summer" by Mark Bittman. Please register. In the event of rain you will receive a Zoom invitation and instructions.

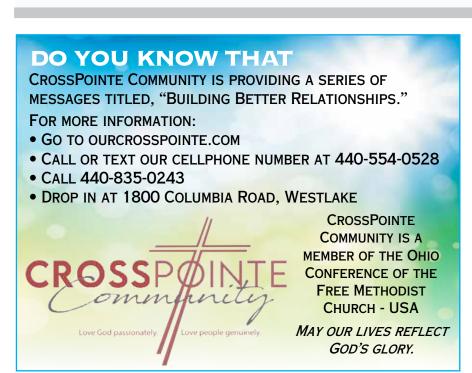
Wednesday, July 14 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) WPPL Annual Egg Drop Kit Pick-Up and Program (Live) - Celebrate engineering during STEAM Week with your design for the annual egg drop! Pick up your egg drop kit (minus the raw egg) at the Youth Services Desk, return your egg drop contraptions and join us on Facebook or YouTube for the official egg drop on July 22 from 11-11:30 a.m. This program is for children entering grades K-6 in the Fall. Registration begins July 14. Please return your egg contraptions by 4:30 p.m. on July 18.

Thursday, July 15 (2-2:30 p.m.) **Outdoor Summer Fun: Rock Painting!** – Join us in front of the library to paint rocks. Paint one for our Reading Garden and one to take home! Ages 4-8. This program is weather permitting. If we cannot meet in-person, we will notify participants of a makeup date. A decision about weather will be made 24 hours in advance. At this time, caregivers must stay with their child(ren) during programs. Masks are required for anyone ages 2 and up. Registration begins July 8.

Friday, July 16 (10 a.m.-noon) **Non-profit Community Hours –** Do you have questions about nonprofit management and fundraising? Schedule a one-on-one, 15-minute virtual reference session with WPPL's Candid FIN Manager, Natalie, to discuss the needs of your 501(c)(3) organization and the various resources available to you.

Saturday, July 17 (9-9 p.m.) **Jewelry Junction: Seneca Bracelet Pick-Up Kit**- Make a Leather Beaded Seneca Bracelet using wide holed beads and leather cord. Directions available on YouTube at bit. ly/3esq4kP. Registration begins July.

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





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Contestants try to toss a ping pong ball into a jar to win a live goldfish.



Big fun on the big slide.



Colten and Ava Mantle celebrate winning prizes with their mom at the balloon pop booth.



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Kiwanian Warren Remein prepares another batch of famous curly fries with high school Key Club members.

Westlake Fourth of July parade

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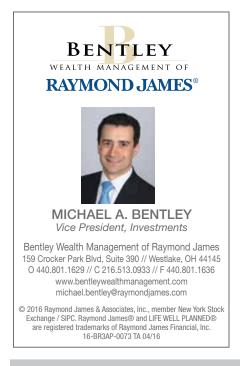


















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