

Historical society honors Westlake victim of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

by DAVE PFISTER

On the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Westlake Historical Society will again meet at the gravesite of Christina Ryook in Evergreen Cemetery. Members of our society have met there annually since 2006.

Lysa Stanton, Westlake Historical Society president, first became aware of Ms. Ryook's grave while walking her dog at Evergreen Cemetery. Christina was in the World Trade Center when it was attacked.

Because Christina's family sometimes travels to New York for commemorative observances, Lysa always makes sure there is a local service on Sept. 11. When the Ryook family is in town, they and the Westlake Historical Society hold a joint service.

Through a fundraising campaign, a bench was placed near Christina's grave in her memory. Westlake Historical Society members were the organizers behind the bench placement effort.

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The bench and plaque honoring Christina Ryook in Evergreen Cemetery.



PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

DIGGING DOVER – BAY VILLAGE

Strange history: 384 Fordham Parkway, Part 1

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

Long before the sensational Sheppard murder case there was another infamous criminal case in Bay Village. In 1938, Mrs. Christine Ritchie was arrested for operating a “house of ill fame” in what was labeled the “Love Nest Case” by the Cleveland News newspaper.

Dr. David Francati, of Bay Dental, the current owner of 384 Fordham Parkway, told me a number of stories about the home he has shared with his wife, Sheila, since 1993. He said that it was supposedly built by the owners of a brewery. That it was once known as a “love nest” in the 1930s. That it was then an orphanage where some of the kids crossed an open porch to sleep in the attic. That it then



A 1959 Cuyahoga County Auditor photo of 384 Fordham Parkway, c. 1921.

had a fire and was repaired and turned back into a single-family home. Could all of this be true of one 3,600-square-foot home tucked away along Lake Erie next to Cliff Drive in Bay Village, Ohio?

Dr. Francati shared with me a newspaper article from 1938 which corroborated the “love nest” part of the story.

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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

Ivermectin: From dirt to Nobel Prize

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Is it me or is the medical world upside down and sideways these days?

I can live with the “It’s a hard *no* on the vaccine.”

What bothers me: Muddy information from doctors. Recently, an Arkansas doctor headlined for giving jail prisoners (and himself and his family, apparently) a multi-drug cocktail including ivermectin, a deworming pill, to treat – and prevent – COVID-19.

He’s the tip of the iceberg. The CDC reports ivermectin prescriptions went from 3,600 per week pre-pandemic to “88,000 prescriptions in the

week ending Aug. 13, 2021.”

I’m not here to trash talk ivermectin. Quite the opposite, ivermectin colors my world sky blue.

It’s a story of hope, compassion, science at its best. A story dancing with heroes including – I hate to say it – a pharmaceutical giant. The two scientists who developed avermectin (ivermectin’s prototype), Satoshi Omura and William C. Campbell, received the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 2015.

Ivermectin began in the dirt, literally. In the 1960s, Omura, a Japanese microbiologist, was hunting for new drugs. He collected soil samples around

Japan, isolated bacteria that produced novel chemicals. Then he forwarded the more promising ones to Campbell, a parasite biologist at the Merck Institute of Therapeutic Research, to be tested in animals. Together, they discovered avermectin (a [without] -vermin). Safe, versatile, and affordable, avermectin slays as a parasite worm-killer.

Ivermectin works by paralyzing nerves and muscles. Particularly sensitive are invertebrates (animals without backbones, like worms, insects, etc.). In the 1980s, ivermectin was used in animals successfully. Campbell suggested it be studied for parasites in humans.

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by ROBERT ROZBORIL

The City of Westlake welcomed Patrolman Zack Hitchens to the Westlake Police Department on Tuesday, Aug. 24. Mayor Dennis Clough administered the oath of office to the city’s newest sworn officer in front of members of his family, friends and his new colleagues in the Council Chambers at Westlake City Hall.

Hitchens comes to Westlake having spent the last three years serving as a patrol officer for the City of Cleveland. Prior to that, Hitchens worked as a correc-



Patrolman Zack Hitchens watches his wife pin the badge on his lapel.

tions officer for Huron County and Stark County.

He graduated from Kent State University in 2014 with a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. ◆

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FORDHAM

from front page

The article involved the case of an Elyria policeman who was arrested Jan. 18, 1938, leaving the property with a woman who was not his wife.

He was charged with “entering a house for immoral purposes.” Anywhere from 20 to 50 cars were stopped leaving the premises that one day.

The policeman who was arrested said that he had gone to the home with the woman that he was with to get a glass of beer. He testified: “Mrs. Ritchie told me when we got there that the place was being watched and that we could have a glass of beer and go right out.” The woman testified that she knew he was married and had been with him once previously to the Ritchie home. Mrs. Ritchie is described as the “gray-haired widow of a former lake captain” in the article.

The article concludes by stating: “Mrs. Ritchie, who maintained that she is operating a legitimate tourist home, is plaintiff in a \$25,000 slander suit against Mayor Weiger, and is also plaintiff in a pending injunction suit to prevent police from interfering with persons entering and leaving her property.”

We were able to confirm that Christine Ritchie purchased property on Fordham Parkway with her husband, William, 10 years earlier in 1928, constructed a home about 1929 and sold or lost the home by 1940. However, the home she purchased was not the subject home but was located at 462 Fordham Parkway. This home, a craftsman bungalow, was owned by Bay police officer Ferrell Cleary from 1981 until 2003 and the joke I heard (because he was a police officer) was that it had been a “house of ill repute” with old telephone jacks in every room. Perhaps it handled overflow from her lakefront location?

Four months after the 1938 police stakeout, but before the trial, Christine purchased a home on Detroit Road in Dover. It was located where the McDonald’s near Columbia Road is located today. She may have anticipated that the “jig was up” – this might have been her planned “retirement” home?

Her husband, William Ritchie, was, in fact, a sea captain. The 1920 U.S. Census has his occupation listed as a master seaman for a steamship company, “master” means the same as “captain”. A master is the highest

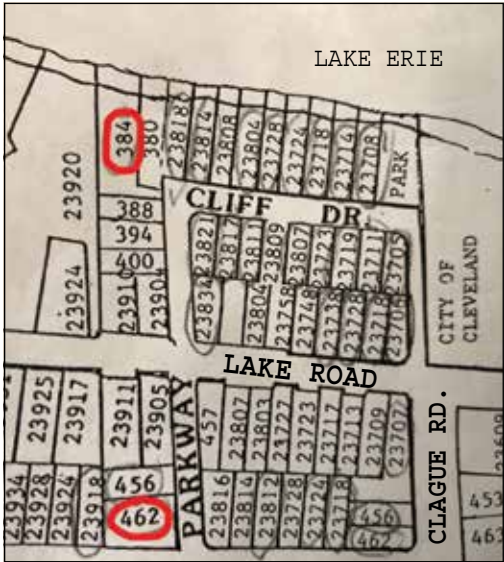
responsible officer, acting on behalf of the ship’s owner. At the time, he and Christine were living on Edward Street in Lakewood, providing a home for his uncle, a salesman, as well. Christine’s occupation is listed as housewife. By the 1930 U.S. Census the household has moved to their new home at 462 Fordham Parkway, valued at \$12,500 and no employment is listed for 63-year-old William, 51-year-old “E. Christine Ritchey” and the 77-year-old uncle.

Unfortunately, William Ritchie died in 1932. According to his death



PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

A 2021 photo of William and Christine Ritchie Home at 462 Fordham Parkway, c. 1929.



Recent Bay Village address map showing location of 384 and 462 Fordham Parkway circled in red.

certificate it occurred days after a herniotomy to correct a strangulated hernia. Contributing to his death was an accidental fall that had occurred “at home some time ago.” The cause of death is listed as a cerebral apoplexy (stroke or bleeding of the brain). He is buried in Lakewood Cemetery.

By the April 1940 U.S. Census, Christine lives alone at 462 Fordham Parkway. Her house transferred to the West Side Saving & Loan Association by August 1940. Was she a desperate widow with few options to support herself during the Depression or were she and her husband part of a crime syndicate, smuggling booze on Lake Erie during prohibition and operating multiple brothels for organized crime? While it is clear that she never actually owned the subject property and just operated the “business” there, some things are nearly impossible to determine from the paper trail. ●

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THE GREEN REPORT

A safe way to prevent bugs, spiders, and other insects

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

I know it is very popular around here for people to treat their homes with insecticides/pesticides to keep spiders and other insects out. However, use of chemicals and pesticides can be very harmful to you, your kids, your pets, and the environment.

The rule of thumb I use is: if it is killing *any* living thing, it is likely killing us, just a heck of a lot more slowly. Before I hear any “BUTs” ... I know when you have a major infestation of something like carpenter ants (this happened to us many years ago so we had to call in the professionals with the insecticides because obviously carpenter ants can destroy your house structurally), you need to use the dangerous stuff because the bugs are at that point dangerous. However, I can say that was the first – and last – time we have used that sort of product in and around our home.

At my home, we do not spray for any bugs or spiders. Do we find an occasional spider? Sure. Do I kill it? You bet! (My son does not, he will trap it using paper and a cup and bring it outside, good for him! I am not that nice.) Overall, I am against the use of chemicals and pesticides for any reason, unless of course as I stated above, it’s a real dangerous

problem and not just an inconvenience.

So, you’re thinking: “But I love my yard after I spray it for mosquitoes!” Or, “I love spraying pesticides around my house to keep spiders out.” Good news! A friend of mine recently told me about a company called Wondercide. Wondercide makes a range of products for use on your pet (to kill fleas/ticks and prevent them), products to use in your yard for flea/tick prevention and outdoor pest control, as well as indoor household products to repel all sorts of different pests you probably don’t want in your home.

Their ingredients are plant-based and are not harmful to beneficial insects, birds, animals, adults, children, or pets. The products are made in the U.S. and are cruelty-free. Another bonus: it is a woman-owned company! Please go on to the website wondercide.com and read the story behind Wondercide.

Please, please stop your use of chemicals and pesticides/insecticides. Do it not only for the environment, but do it for your health and your family’s health. Stop now, don’t feel guilty about your past actions, because now you know it’s bad and maybe you didn’t before ... and also please tell your family and friends to stop using harmful bug/pest control as well. ●

SPORTING VIEWS

Dream a little dream with me (and the Browns)

by JEFF BING

It’s that time again, folks. “And exactly *what* time is that?” you query, in an impatient and clearly accusatory tone. (Obviously, you’ve read previous columns of mine. And BTW – you’re welcome.)

It’s the time of year when I boldly predict the Browns’ final record after they finish up against the Bengals on Jan. 9. (I’ll also make another prediction: If you’re going to that game, dress warmly, as it will be cold.)

Anyway, the start of the season is always great for the sports fan – regardless of the sport. It’s a time when your team has yet to lose a game that counts, and even when your team has no chance of being competitive (ask any Browns fan who’s watched the team since their “return” in 1999), you always rationalize that with a break here or there, they might be good enough to ...

Face it: it’s the same kind of optimistic lunacy that convinces folks in the US to spend \$1 billion year after year on scam weight-loss products, even though we all know in our heart of hearts that by drinking something – which tastes, oddly enough, much like sugar water – and which promises that in only *just a few days* we will see the pounds “start to melt off,” has about as much chance of success as me winning a Pulitzer Prize for Literary Excellence. (Actually, your odds of success are orders of magnitude greater with the weight-loss thing, even if you’re hooked up to a lard/sucrose drip).

You pat yourself on the back for “doing something about the weight thing” (the “some-

thing” being buying a week’s supply of weight-loss supplements for – “today only” – \$149.99) and then celebrate by diving into that second bag of Cheetos. Unfortunately, we all know the only thing that will be losing any weight is your wallet.

So, you get my point. When we want to be, we are an optimistic bunch, and we always want to be with our sports teams (and Cheetos).

But back to the Browns in 2021. Do you realize that, even with 17 regular-season games this year, only 6 of those games are against teams with greater than .500 records last year (and 4 of the 6 are against the Steelers and Ravens)? That means – and try to keep up if math isn’t your bag – the Browns only play 2 games out of the other 13 against teams (*not* named the Ravens or Steelers) with winning records.

And what is especially encouraging about the Browns – within their division – is that the Steelers and Ravens dominated the Browns early last season, but as time progressed, so did the Browns. I would rank the Browns to be at least on equal footing with either team and probably better.

Ergo, I see the Browns going something like 12-5 or 13-4, assuming they stay healthy, and because of the relatively easy schedule, a good number of those games won’t even be close.

I’ll look for you at the games – although it will be from my couch – while watching TV and drinking sugar water as my Browns brown shirt turns orange from the Cheetos.

Hey, one must wipe one’s hands off on *something*. ●

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IVERMECTIN

from front page

The first target: river blindness, a leading cause of blindness worldwide. It's caused by a parasitic worm transmitted by blackflies.

With a blackfly bite, the worms enter the skin, mature, and live up 15 years. The female worm can produce up to 1,000 baby worms daily. The babies move about the body, causing intense, debilitating skin itch. Some end up in the eyeballs which cause itch, inflammation, scarring, and blindness.

Ivermectin changes that. While it can't kill the adult worms, it can kill the baby worms readily, and curtail the female's fertility, like birth control. At-risk individuals only need to take one pill every 6 months to suppress the transmission and reproduction.

Merck, the maker of ivermectin, donated billions of doses to developing countries. In 40 years, river blindness has been eliminated in countries like Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico, and Guatemala, and controlled in many African countries. In 2019, the World Health Organization estimated 154 million people were receiving ivermectin.

Then COVID-19 hit. A test-tube study on ivermectin and COVID-19 showed promise, but subsequent human studies are deemed flawed. We need large, well-designed trials to ensure drugs work.

With the continuing uptick in ivermectin use and poisoning, major health organizations and Merck all issued warnings. The FDA tweeted, "You are not a horse. You are not a cow. Seriously, y'all. Stop it."

My advice: If you want to try ivermectin or other experimental treatments, go to clinicaltrials.gov and sign up for legitimate studies. There are thousands of ongoing COVID-19 studies, and as of today, five include ivermectin. An open mind is a good thing so long you're alive and healthy. ●

RYOOK

from front page

Everyone is welcome to attend this year's commemorative service at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11. Christina's grave site is located at Evergreen Cemetery, 29535 Center Ridge Road, along the far west side. Those wishing to contact the Westlake Historical Society may do so by calling 216-848-0680 or 216-961-6374.

The Historical Society would also like to remind readers that the annual Yard Sale will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the grounds of the Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Road. We greatly appreciate all the donations we received and hope to see you at the sale. ●

Princesses & Guides ice cream social & fall registration

by BRIAN GADD

The West Shore Princesses and Guides are dedicated to fostering relationships between fathers and daughters, and fathers and sons in a friendly, fun environment. Our activities require participation by both father and child, giving you opportunities to share experiences, learn, and grow together. This is not a program to drop off your child; dads participate in all activities.

Dads can register with their sons and daughters as young as kindergarten. Our organization serves nine West Shore communities including Bay Village and Westlake. Tribes are organized with other dads from the same area and whose kids are the same age range.

The West Shore "Nation," which is the group of all the individual tribes, has one or two events planned every month during the school year. These events include our fall, winter and spring camp-outs; bowling; skating; pinewood

derby; holiday party; tobogganing; and many others. The camp-outs are mostly held at YMCA camps with cabins and the activities offered include horseback riding, archery, crafts, rock walls, canoeing, hiking, ziplining, BB guns, a big Saturday night bonfire and more.

To join the West Shore Princesses and Guides, there is a yearly fee of \$60. The fee helps cover the cost of some of the events and activities. A lot of activities are free for members, such as swim parties, "drive in movie" night and cornhole tournament. Campouts and some other events are paid as you participate – campouts are generally \$125-\$150 per dad/child pair for the weekend, food and lodging included. Events like bowling, tobogganing, and Kalahari trips are discounted.

There are no fundraisers, no weekly meetings, no badges or other requirements



Dads and kids at a sledding outing with the West Shore Princesses and Guides.

– just dads making memories with their sons and daughters. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. Host tribes coordinate the events so dads and kids can show up with a minimum of preparation and enjoy their time together. Our fall registration program is underway, and we have several ice cream socials scheduled in the area for you to come out

and learn more about the organization. The Westlake social is Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Mitchell's Ice Cream, 27155 Detroit Road.

Registration is easy – just visit the website at www.noonway.com and follow the instructions. If you would like more info, you can also contact our Membership Chief at membership@noonway.com. ●

BAYarts' Huntington House gets fresh look

by BETH MILLI

Throughout the pandemic, the iconic Huntington House on BAYarts' campus, located in the Huntington Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks, has remained a hub for community activities, drawing people to its open classrooms and galleries, beautifully manicured gardens and spacious porches and patios. Slated for a fresh coat of paint

this year, BAYarts was working with Textbook Painting to estimate painting the exterior of the building.

The Huntington House is one of the only remaining structures of the hobby farm of industrialist John Huntington. Built in the 1880s, it originally served as the caretakers residence for the estate. After the Huntington property was purchased by the Metroparks in 1925, the building became a creative center for the

arts in 1948, formerly Baycrafters and now BAYarts.

A few weeks ago, Michael Murray, owner of Textbook Painting, approached BAYarts with a unique proposition. A firm believer in giving back to the community, he offered to donate the labor for painting the building as a community project for his teams, and also secured a donation of Benjamin Moore paint from Paint CLE in Willoughby.

Last week, this plan became a reality. Despite soaring temperatures, high humidity and rain, the Textbook teams managed to prep and paint the building in three days. They even stopped to picnic on the front lawn one day as a team-building activity during the project. Timed to be ready for BAYarts' annual fundraiser Moondance, the building now has a fresh new look for the event of the season to be held Sept. 11. ●

Bay Schools launches new website, mobile app

by KAREN UTHE SEMANCIK

The start of the school year brings a new website and mobile app for Bay Village Schools. The district rolled out its new digital tools last month during a soft launch, officially announcing the new website, www.bayk12.org, on Friday, Sept. 3.

The district's goal is to create an information hub where district families and Bay Village residents alike can easily find resources in as few clicks as possible.

The new mobile app is also now available to download for free on both the Apple App Store and Google Play. The app will help subscribers stay updated on all things Bay Village Schools, with access to events, documents, district news and emergency notifications. ●

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THE DIGITAL WORLD

Location, location, location!

by TAK SATO

I always reckon smartphones as having powers akin to the color-shifting chameleons that blend into their environment. Crystals in the photonic skin of the chameleon are responsible for its color-shifting superpowers, much like smartphone "apps" change the smartphone's utility into different gadgets on the fly.

Out of the box, a smartphone is a mobile phone (Dialer app), address book (Contacts), calendar (Calendar), digital camera (Camera), video camera ("flip a switch" in the Camera), tool to use the services on the internet (type of an app known as "browsers" such as Safari on Apple iPhones or Chrome on Android smartphones), and a turn-by-turn navigation gadget (Google Maps or Apple Maps apps).

Apps such as Maps utilize the GPS (Global Positioning System) chip in your smartphone to know exactly where it is relative to earth by receiving information (i.e. coordinates) from the satellites in the sky. I rely on the Maps app while I drive to give me turn-by-turn directions.

Information from the GPS chip can be used by many other apps on the smartphone. Due to privacy implications, which is a hot-button subject these days, access to what is known as the "location" service of the smartphone needs to be explicitly granted by the user before an app can take advantage of it. A weather app is an excellent example of such an app that you may want to install on your smartphone to get real-time

weather information for where you are.

Another use for location information is to track down a lost phone. If you misplaced an Apple iPhone, you can try to locate your iPhone assuming these conditions are met: your iPhone has power, is turned on, is logged into your Apple ID, and is set to use the "Find My iPhone" service. From another device, go to www.icloud.com/find using a browser and log in with the same Apple ID used by the misplaced iPhone. If successful, it should show you the misplaced iPhone on a map. To make sure that your iPhone is configured properly to use the Find My iPhone service in the first place, follow the steps below:

Tap the "Settings" icon -> tap your name at the very top -> tap "Find My" -> make sure "Find My iPhone" is turned "On."

To try to locate your misplaced Android-based smartphone, on another device use the browser, go to android.com/find, and log in using the same Google Account as on your misplaced phone. To make sure that your Android-based smartphone is configured properly to use the Find My Device service, follow the steps below:

Tap the "Settings" icon -> tap "Security" -> and make sure "Find My Device" is set to "On."

I'm a firm believer that services already present on smartphones, such as Find my iPhone or Find My Device, can be a tool if they need to locate a person with memory issues. As long as the person is carrying a smartphone that was pre-configured properly and meets other prerequisites, the loved ones may be able to locate the missing person. ●

Troop 208 Scouts celebrated at Eagle Court of Honor

by MARGIE ROSSANDER

Boy Scout Troop 208, sponsored by Dover Congregational Church in Westlake, celebrated the accomplishments of eight young men who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest rank in scouting and is earned by less than 4% of all scouts. The scouts recognized at the Eagle Court of Honor were Scott Rennard, David Daniel, John Zaky, Mateo McBride, Philip Sutherland, Nolan Gleespen, Paul Rossander and Landon Miller.

In addition to earning a minimum of 21 merit badges, they completed service projects that benefit the community including renovating the Westlake High School baseball dugouts, installing a pet cemetery at Dover Congregational Church,

renovating the outdoor chapel at Sts. Peter and George Coptic Orthodox Church, creation of sensory materials for memory-impaired residents at Sunrise Senior Living Center, renovation of the outdoor campus at Hospice of the Western Reserve, construction of a blessings box community food pantry for Prince of Peace Church, building a seating unit for boat safety training for the U.S. Power Squadron, and renovation of garden and grounds at Bay Presbyterian Church.

The Eagle Court of Honor included presentations to the Eagles by Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough and Cuyahoga County Council Member Nan Baker. The Eagles were also presented American flags that had been flown over the Pentagon in their honor. ●



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BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Kick off the season with a tailgate party

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

The Bay Village Historical Society is kicking off a great season with a tailgate party at the Bay Lodge on Sept. 16.

Put on your football attire and enjoy brats and burgers on the grill provided by the society. Attendees with a last name beginning with A to L are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert for 10 to share. Those with a last name beginning with M to Z are asked

to bring a side dish for 10. The dinner is free for historical society members. Non-members will be charged \$10 at the door. Bring your own place setting and beverage of choice.

The evening's program will be, "The History of Sports in Cleveland." The doors open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7.00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pam Ebert at Blinglady17@gmail.com or 216-789-1272 by Sept. 13. ●

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Catholics Coming Home program is back at St. Raphael

by CARLA RENICK

St. Raphael Church in Bay Village will offer a program called Catholics Coming Home on seven consecutive Thursday evenings, Sept. 16 through Oct. 28, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics interested in returning to the Catholic Church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith in a support-group format.

One former participant said of the program, "The sessions provided a sense

of community with the other participants as well as with the team leaders, making me realize how much I missed that." Join us and reconnect with our Catholic community.

St. Raphael Church is located at 525 Dover Center Road. For more details and to register, call the parish office at 440-871-1100. Additional information is available at www.saintraphaelparish.com under "Parish Flyers." You may also refer to our Facebook page: Catholics Coming Home at Saint Raphael. ●



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NATURE & ENVIRONMENT

Gardening at the Knickerbocker

by CHRIS FUNNELL

As August came to a close I went to our little community garden at the Knickerbocker Apartments to take morning pictures when the sun highlights the loveliness of our meager efforts. One gardener, however, has spent many hours tending the garden and has given advice and watered when needed. Robert is from Lebanon and brings old world wisdom, even his mother's advice not to waste a thing, and shares it along with recipes for tabbouleh and his hot peppers, which he grows in abundance.

The Knickerbocker has kindly provided eight raised beds that are waist high, built on stilts so older people don't have to kneel to garden which would prevent many like myself from gardening at all. They also provided potting soil to fill the boxes, sometimes mixing in the clay-like native dirt that is not fit for

growing anything. I am surprised any grass grows at all.

When I used up my allotted store bought soil I planted chive seeds in a small pot of the native soil. After several weeks without any sprouts I turned the pot upside down to find it was hard as a rock. I use it as a weight to keep my gardening supplies from blowing away in storms.

Now fall is breathing down our necks. As I enjoy the comforts of morning sun, flowers in full bloom, birdsong, a beautiful and comfortable place to sit alone or visit with neighbors. I wonder how we can extend the growing season with some sort of enclosure to keep the frost from snuffing our flowers and plants.

I would like to invite anyone in the community to give advice, hands-on assistance or resources for this project which is bigger than any individual garden lover. Please contact: TwistedKnickersGardeningClub@zohomail.com. ●

READER'S OPINION

The Flight 93 National Memorial

by MEL MAURER

My son, Jeff, and his adult son Alex visited the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, last week. They had never been there and I had not been there since it had become a park with designed walls – including a visitor center – offering memorials and information on that tragic crash, along with

wonderful views of its now grass-covered site. That place where 40 passengers and crew gave their lives to save others on Sept. 11, 2001. Despite the improvements and many visitors there that day, it's just as quiet now as when I visited a year after 9/11.

I flew often when I worked. Jeff, and his brother, Mike, still do in their jobs (at least before the pandemic). We have never worked in high rise buildings, such as those hit by other hijacked planes in New York with so many people in so many offices and stores, making it a bit harder for us to relate to that environment.

However, we know all too well what's it's like to wake in the morning and make our way to airports, check in, pass through security, wait in line and then

board our planes. All very routine – stow carry-on, buckle up, open newspaper, magazine or book and wait for coffee. Most of us have experienced these things.

But not that day, as those flyers' world and then their plane was literally turned upside down as control of their plane was taken by terrorists – willing to die and willing to take their lives. We can image the situation but not its devastating terror.

Looking out over green fields at the place where their plane was driven into the earth as they attacked the hijackers, Jeff and I felt as friends with our "fellow travelers," fellow fathers and grandfathers, as we mourned again their terrible loss as others do in New York City or at the Pentagon.



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The Tower of Voices at the Flight 93 National Memorial is a monumental, 93-foot-tall musical instrument holding 40 wind chimes, representing the 40 passengers and crew members.

Flight 93 took no lives on the ground, its passengers and crew, given time and information from family, more than those on the other planes, made sure of that

with their courage that terrible 9/11 day. And we forever thank them for it.

The site is an easy one-day trip, mostly by turnpikes. ●

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Porter Library commemorates 20th anniversary of 9/11

by ELAINE WILLIS

Westlake Porter Public Library is commemorating the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks with a special poster exhibition of "September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed the World." Consisting of images and stories from survivors and witnesses, the exhibit hangs in the art gallery area. It is accompanied by postcards upon which

visitors will be encouraged to share their memories of that day. The memory cards will be placed in a book for others to view. The exhibit opened on Sept. 1.

The exhibition was developed by the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum and was made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy Demands Wisdom.

In addition to the exhibit, the library will also be collecting memories and

hopes for the future in the Youth Services Department from Sept. 1-10. They will be placed on stars and hung in Christina's Corner, which memorializes Westlake resident Christina Sunga Ryook who was in the World Trade Center when it was attacked.

Visitors may view the memory/hopes stars from Sept. 11 through the week following. Anyone who wishes to leave a memory or hopes on a star but

cannot visit the library Sept. 1-10 may contact the Youth Services Department at 440-250-5471.

The library will also be doing a series of blog posts (blogs.westlakelibrary.org) highlighting the poster exhibit and other library programs commemorating the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks. Other blog posts will feature materials owned by the library focusing on 9/11. ●

Westlake Porter Public Library's early September calendar of events

by ELAINE WILLIS

Following is Westlake Porter Public Library's early September 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.

Thursdays, Sept. 9 and 23 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) **Roblox Arcade (Live)** - Love Roblox? 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.

Thursday, Sept. 9 (6:30-7 p.m.) and Friday, Sept. 17 (10-10:30 a.m.) **Adapted Storytime in the Garden** - This storytime is designed for children ages 3-7 who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Siblings may attend but must register separately. 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 Zoom invitations will be sent to all registered attendees. Please register every person that will be attending, including children and adults. Caregivers must stay with their child(ren) during the programming. Please register.

Friday, Sept. 10 (4-4:45 p.m.) **The Science of 'Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark'** - There is science inside the "Magic Tree House" books. Let's begin with "Dinosaurs Before Dark" and explore the world of dinosaurs, from fossils and eggs to carnivores and herbivores. Grades 1-2. Discoveries will be made through hands-on experiments, active participation and a

simple take home project. This program is weather permitting. Please register.

Monday, Sept. 13 (11-11:30 a.m.) **Gross Motor Monday** - Start your week with some movement activities! We will have fun balancing, jumping, tossing, marching and more! For children ages 3-7 with special needs. This program is led by a librarian, not a therapist, physician or exercise professional. This program is weather permitting. If we cannot meet in-person, we will meet on Zoom invites will be sent to all registered attendees. Please register every person that will be attending, including children and adults. Caregivers must stay with their child(ren) during programming. Please register.

Monday, Sept. 13 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Maker Monday: Transfer Memories to Digital at Home (Live)** - On Zoom, learn what you can check out from WPPL's Non-Traditional Materials Collection to transfer your VHS tapes to DVD, cassettes to MP3, records to mp3, and more! Please register. Participants must provide an email address to receive Zoom information.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 (1-3 p.m.) **Career Transition: Tips for the Best Job Search Package (Live)** - How do you present yourself on paper to potential employers? Does your resume make them want to take a closer look at you? Does your LinkedIn profile support your resume and provide a cohesive representation of you? Join Cynthia Wilt on Zoom with your documents so that we can ask questions and audit what you have. Please register to receive an email containing Zoom instructions.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Excel 1: Introduction** - Practice entering and formatting text and numbers within cells.

Insert, delete, and modify columns and rows. Begin working with basic formulas. Class is in person. Capacity is limited. Software version is Excel 2019. Registration begins one week before each session.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Jewelry Junction: Fall Shell Pendant In-Person Class** - Make a beautiful fall pendant using beige shells, wire and pearls. Materials and tools provided. Please register.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 10 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Tuesday Evening Book Discussion (Live)** - Join the WPPL Tuesday Evening Book Club on Zoom for a discussion of "The Night Tiger" by Yangsze Choo. Please register. You will receive a Zoom invitation and instructions by email.

Wednesday, Sept. 15 (2-3 p.m.) **Wednesday Book Discussion** - This month's title is "The Two-Family House" by Lynda Cohen Loigman. Discussion will be held outside in the Reading Garden. Please register. In the event of inclement weather we will meet on Zoom. In that event notification and Zoom instructions will be sent by email.

Thursday, Sept. 16 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Windows 10 Introduction** - Learn how

to work with the basic features of Windows 10. Work with the Start Menu, Tiles, access settings, Task View, Action Center, and Microsoft Edge. This class is in person. Capacity is limited. Registration begins Sept. 9.

Thursday, Sept. 16 (4-5 p.m.) **Introduction to Finding Grants (Live)** - Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders in this introductory course. You will learn the 10 most important things you need to know about finding grants. A demo of hands-on, guided online grant research using the Foundation Directory Online database will be provided. Please register.

Friday, Sept. 17 (10 a.m.-noon) **Non-profit Community Hours** - Do you have questions regarding nonprofit management and fundraising? Schedule a one-on-one, 15-minute virtual reference session with WPPL's Candid FIN Manager to discuss the needs of your 501(c)(3) organization and the various resources available to you.

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

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This year the effort will focus on how all politics is local: what does local government look like, who represents us, and how we can impact city hall. Each day will focus on one specific

topic, including:

- Who represents me?
- What's on my ballot?
- Why does voting matter?
- How does it work?
- How can I do more?

"5 Days for Democracy" is a collaboration between the Cleveland City Club and the nine public library systems in Cuyahoga County, including Westlake Porter Public Library. This is the second year of the effort.

To participate and for more information visit www.cityclub.org/fivedays. ●



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Thursday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.
AFGHANISTAN: CONFESSIONS OF A CLOSET PATRIOT
Dr. Diane Huey, M.D., will discuss and show slides from her year in Afghanistan, one decade ago. Dr. Huey (a Bay High graduate) left her comfortable life and medical practice here to help evacuate our wounded out of the war zone. Get an insider’s view on this 20-year war and the lives it has affected. Face masks required. Free and open to the public.
Bay Village Library meeting room, 502 Cahoon Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 11, noon-3 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE TOUCH-A-TRUCK
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Bay Village Police Station, 28000 Wolf Rd.

Monday, Sept. 13, to Friday, Sept. 17, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 18, 7:30 a.m.-noon
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Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Rd.

Friday, Sept. 17, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 18, 8 a.m.-noon
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Sunday, Sept. 19, noon
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Join the Bay Village Community Council for coffee and doughnuts as we honor this year’s Citizen of the Year, Nancy Trainer, and Project of the Year, the Bradley Park playground renovation. Mayor Koomar will present proclamations.
Bradley Park Playground, 513 Bradley Rd.

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