

Westlake Demons Athletic Boosters seeking veterans to honor

by JANE PEER

For the fourth year in a row, the Westlake Demons Athletic Boosters (WDAB) is seeking veterans to honor during its annual flag display. The goal is to honor 27 veterans representing the school's 26 athletic teams and the boosters organization.

The flag display, along with accompanying team and honoree signs, will be placed in front of the WHS main entrance on Hilliard Blvd. The display will begin Sunday, Nov. 6, and stay up through Sunday, Nov. 13. To nominate a veteran, please reach out to Jane Peer at peerja71@gmail.com by Oct. 22. ◆



American flags and veteran honorees signs on display in 2021 at Westlake High.

Bay High School has 9 National Merit Students

by KAREN MISCIAGNA

Bay Village City School District is proud to announce that nine students have been recognized in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program, an annual academic competition for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships.

Annabella Mayer has been named a Semifinalist; Muriel Bourn, Abigail Dent, Elise Kelley, Andrew Mold, Jack Oster, Jackson Schelzig, Joseph Wagner, and Nikolas Wassmer are recognized as Commended students. All are seniors at Bay High School.

These students were identified based on their 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) scores.

National Merit Semi-Finalist

Annabella Mayer is on the varsity volleyball team and throws for track and field at Bay High School. She is also VP of Bay High Key Club, Class Secretary for the Class of 2023 and on the leadership team for Model U.N. She is an elected representative for Student Council and a student trustee of the Bay Village Education Foundation. She is a member of National Honor Society, Bay Student Boosters and the Bay chapter of the International Thespian Society. Annabella also plays the cello in Bay High School's Chamber Orchestra.



Annabella Mayer

Outside of school, Annabella volunteers for Second Harvest Food Bank in Lorain County, babysits and works at the Bay Aquatic Center during the summer months. When she's not studying or working, she enjoys walking her dogs, reading and hanging out with her friends. Although she hasn't narrowed down a university, Annabella plans on majoring in neuroscience or biology, and pursuing a pre-medical track to become a pediatrician.

Commended Students

A member of National Honor Society, **Muriel Bourn's** favorite subjects are AP literature and media art & design. She enjoys reading, drawing, writing, playing video games and spending time with her dog named Kitten. Her plan after high school is to study graphic design and video game design at Kent State University, Miami University or University of Cincinnati.



Muriel Bourn

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Family Fun Fest promises fall fun!

by JENNIE SEBRASKY

Bay United Methodist Church presents their annual Family Fun Fest on Sunday, Oct. 23. The fall-themed event takes place after worship service from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the church grounds. Kids and grown-ups alike will enjoy trunk or treat in the parking lot, a bounce house, a straw maze, and other games. As a bonus, hot dogs will be available for a small fee.

Those who join the activities can also buy pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch, a fundraiser for Bay United Methodist's youth ministry, the Appalachia Service Project. Each summer, participants of the Appalachia Service Project send youth from the church and the community to areas of Appalachia to help build safer, warmer, and drier homes for those in need.

The Family Fun Fest is just a taste of what Bay United Method-

ist continues to offer for families. Rev. Lauren Clawson, minister of education for children and youth, joined the church last year and has developed programs for 1st through 3rd graders, for pre-teens (4th-6th graders), and for high schoolers.

Bring your family on Oct. 23 to Bay United Methodist Church at 29931 Lake Road for a welcome outdoor event after the 10 a.m. worship service. Visit bayumc.org for more information. ◆



Last year's Family Fun Fest at Bay United Methodist Church.

Friends of Westlake Porter Public Library to host 50th anniversary bash

by ELAINE WILLIS

The Friends of Westlake Porter Public Library invite the community to help them celebrate the anniversary of their founding at their 50th Anniversary Birthday Bash on Friday, Nov. 4, from 7-9 p.m. The event will be held inside the library. To reserve your space please register at westlakelibrary.org/events.

The evening will include friends-themed music, special storytime events, a screening of the Friends' 50th Anniversary documentary showcasing the group throughout the years, a "Happy Birthday" sing-along, and of course, refreshments (cupcakes and ice cream).

The Friends of Westlake Porter Public Library was founded in 1972 by a group of community members who believed in the

importance of reading, the value of books and the importance of library services to the community and wished to support those values. Over their 50 years they have donated more than \$1,000,000 to the library to fund the annual Summer Library Challenge, purchase outreach vans and fund National Library Week activities, special activities for the library's staff and much more.

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BHS NATIONAL MERIT *from front page*

Abigail Dent is a member of the Bay High Cross Country Team, Swim Team, and Track and Field Team. She is also a Senior Class Officer and Secretary of National Honor Society. Her favorite subjects are math and science classes, especially physics. Outside of school, she volunteers with the Appalachian Service Project and helps with Feeding Souls, a local organization that prepares meals for the homeless. This past summer, she was a lifeguard and water safety instructor at Bay Pool. In her downtime, she enjoys helping in the community, working out and watching television. She plans to attend college after graduation, and is currently looking at Tufts University and Ohio University to pursue medical school for psychiatry.



Abigail Dent

Project Earth, National Honor Society and serving as Key Club Secretary are the clubs **Elise Kelley** is involved with at Bay High School. She also volunteers with the Fairytale Foundation, and in her free time she enjoys walking her dog, listening to music and spending time with friends. Her favorite subjects are biology and calculus. She is interested in pursuing studies in scientific research after graduation, and is currently undecided as to which college she will attend.



Elise Kelley

Andrew Mold is the saxophone section leader in Marching Band, and also participates in Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. He is a founding member of a student-run jazz sextet. Andrew is a member of Bay High School's National Honor Society, and his favorite subjects are computer science, physics and chemistry. In his spare time, he enjoys rock climbing, bowling and participating in a computer science program at Hyland Software. Andrew would like to be a software engineer, and hopes to attend Purdue University, The Ohio State University, Carnegie Mellon University, Michigan University or the University of Illinois.



Andrew Mold

Jack Oster is a member of the Bay High Marching Band, Stage Crew, the student newspaper and National Honor Society. He is also on the Bay Wrestling Team and plays Rugby. His favorite subjects at Bay High are history and English. Outside of school, he practices Jiu Jitsu. Jack plans to pursue Business/Logistics Management at The Ohio State University after graduation.



Jack Oster

Jackson is involved with Chamber Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, Thespians, National Honor Society and Key Club. When he's not studying, he enjoys the cello, working at Chick-fil-A and dining out with friends.

Joseph Wagner is a member of National Honor Society, and plays on the Golf Team and Basketball Team. His favorite subjects at Bay High are biology, chemistry and English. Outside of school life, Joseph enjoys playing basketball, golfing, reading and hanging out with friends. He hopes to major in biology or zoology, and he would like to attend The Ohio State University.



Joseph Wagner

Nikolas Wassmer is involved with National Honor Society, the Hockey Team, the Marching Band, Jazz Band Chamber Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, Thespians and Yearbook at Bay High School. Outside of high school, Nikolas enjoys traveling, playing tennis, cooking, hiking and writing. His favorite academic subject is physics, and he plans to study electrical engineering at The Ohio State University, Purdue University, the University of Cincinnati or Case Western Reserve University.

Of the 1.5 million students who took the 2021 PSAT/NMSQT, only 16,000 earn Semifinalist status, putting Bay High School's Annabella Mayer in the top 1% of students nationwide. She must submit an application to be named a finalist and continue on in the National Merit Scholarship competition. About 15,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level, and more than half of those finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

"We are so proud of these nine students and all that they have accomplished during their years at Bay High," said Bay High School Principal Jason Martin.

"What an amazing honor for these nine young women and men," said Bay Village City School District Superintendent Scot Prebles. "They are not only leaders in our classrooms, but on the fields and within our community, as well. We are proud of each honoree."

Students who achieve finalist status will compete for more than \$30 million in scholarship awards. The 2023 National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in nationwide news releases beginning in April of 2023. These scholarship recipients will join more than 362,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title. ●



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DEMON DISPATCH

Emotional intelligence attribute integral to student success

by DR. SCOTT GOGGIN
Superintendent,
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A leading attribute of the Westlake City School District's Portrait of a Lifelong Learner, emotional intelligence is essential to every relationship we form and interaction we have in school, in our personal lives and at work. It is the ability to understand and manage our own emotions in positive ways to relieve stress, communicate effectively, empathize with others, navigate challenges and defuse conflict. The five foundational elements of emotional intelligence are empathy, self-awareness, motivation, self-regulation and social skills.

Empathy is the keystone of emotional intelligence. It is the ability to put ourselves in the shoes of others and truly consider how others are affected by our actions and the actions of others. Awareness of others' feelings is vital, as is responding to and working through them even if we may not agree. We must work everyday to respect a variety of viewpoints and welcome diversity and inclusion efforts that will lead us all to a better understanding of each other.

Self-awareness is the ability to recognize and understand our emotions and the reasons behind them and to appreciate how they affect others. It is about acknowledging our own strengths and weaknesses and remembering what values guide our decision-making in personal, academic and professional realms. Understanding our motivation is part of self-awareness as well. Being realistic about our motivators is about tapping into the things that truly drive us to improve and achieve and taking initiative to be our best selves and lift others up in good times and bad.

Self-regulation is a bundle of skills that allow us to effectively manage the emotions we have for our own health and for the benefit of those around us. It is the key to remaining in control of our emotions and thoughts and always treating others with respect. Examples of common self-regulation tools are deep breathing, exercise, writing and meditation, but every person learns what works best for them through trial and error, and different emotions can require different responses.

Social skills are learned over years of experience in school and in our personal lives. While some of us are born with gregarious personalities, for others becoming a people person comes with time and



Westlake Superintendent Dr. Scott Goggin greets a student at the start of a new school year.

resources in place to help them achieve emotional intelligence and mental wellness.

Each one of us is at a different step in our journey toward emotional intelligence and wellbeing, and there is always more to learn. I invite each Westlake City Schools student to ask themselves: "What can I do today to further develop my sense of emotional intelligence and set myself up for success?" ●

practice. We can all practice public speaking, active listening, and acknowledging and celebrating the strengths of others to bolster our social skills in ways that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

A model of emotional intelligence listens to others' perspectives and experiences with empathy and curiosity, offering support when needed. They welcome critique in the name of growth and self-awareness, and they remain open to learning about their peers' cultures, lifestyles and beliefs. They participate in the betterment of the community while always remaining attuned to the needs and feelings of others. This is my goal for every one of our students, and we work hard to ensure that there are support systems and mental health

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Holiday comedy at Clague Playhouse

by KIMBERLY MITSCHKE

Clague Playhouse continues their 95th season with the holiday comedy, "One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall" by Lynne Halliday, James Hindman, Arlene Hutton, and Craig Pospisil.

The play follows eight intertwined stories in a Midwestern mall on the last day of shopping before the holiday. A diverse cast of characters – from a lovesick mall Santa to an overeager mall cop, from a pair of brainy misfit teenagers to a pair of battling actors in a production of "A Christmas Carol," from a petulant college freshman to a pair of newlyweds – navigate first meetings, second chances, and last-minute choices. Our cast features Karen Flannery, Mike Frye, Beth Gaertner, Don Knepper, Jonathan McCleery, Mary Manos Mitchem, Minor Stokes and Noah Underhill and are directed by Robert Gibb.

The play runs Friday, Nov. 11, through Sunday, Dec. 11, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. (no performance on Thanksgiving). Admission is \$21 for adults, \$20 for seniors (60+), and \$13 for students (any age with a valid ID) and may be purchased by calling the Box Office at 440-331-0403 Wednesday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m. or visiting www.clagueplayhouse.org. Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Clague Road in Westlake.

Limited free student tickets (high school and college) are available by calling the Box Office to reserve for any Clague Playhouse Thursday performance, and showing a Student ID at the time of ticket pickup. Free student tickets are not available online. Tickets are subject to availability and must be picked up by 7:30 p.m. the night of the performance or will be released. ●

PORTER 50TH

from front page

Most recently they donated \$100,000 toward the Outdoor Programming Pavilion now under construction. Most of their funds come from sales at the Annual Book Sale, the ongoing book sale room, and Portables Gift Shop.

"Over the past 50 years hundreds of Friends of Westlake Porter Public Library members have given unselfishly of their time to support the library and its programs, helping to enrich our community," said Friends Board President Lynn Pettyjohn. "Please join us at our Birthday Bash on Nov. 4 as we celebrate past and present Friends volunteers." ●



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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

Mom's dementia saves our relationship

by DIANA PI, M.D.

When I was young, I fell in school and got a deep gash, covered in black gravel, on my knee. The staff rushed me to a clinic. I screamed through the picking and stitching – the worst moments of my life.

Afterward, waiting to be picked up by school staff, I heard my name called. I turned and saw my mother, hands full of groceries, looking at me with huge, concerned eyes. I felt so safe.

I have no idea how she happened to be there, but she's always managed to be there.

After my father died, she moved in with me and my husband, Mark.

Two years ago, she suffered a stroke. She woke up, paranoid and delusional, as if in the midst of a psychological thriller.

She accused us of abusing our grown-

up kids and my brother's in-laws of cheating and stealing her money, of scheming to murder him. She thought she owned multiple houses. She told the stroke unit nurses how I tried to kill her by infusing poison into her skull.

Her demons were fantastic, but had a consistent victim – my brother.

Finally, she agreed to move in with my brother in Virginia – to protect him, of course. For a year and a half, I didn't talk to her. Honestly, I needed the break.

Two months ago, Covid hit my brother's family. He called: "Pick her up before she gets sick too."

Mark and I drove 17 hours round trip and brought her home.

During the ride, I braced for assault. I put her in the front passenger seat. Because:

A. There's more room.

B. I could see and care for her better

from behind.

C. In case she wanted to claw somebody, she couldn't get to me. (Sorry, Mark.)

But nothing happened. She was calmly confused. Every few minutes, she'd ask where we're going. She loved the car ride, marveled at the shiny, gigantic 18-wheelers that whizzed by.

At the end, we all got Covid. Thanks to vaccinations and Paxlovid, my 89-year-old mother was congested for a day.

When we all recovered, she thought she'd never left us.

Soon, I noticed that her short- and long-term memory were so bad that she couldn't remember all the fancy ways I tried to kill her.

Our conversation is simple, repetitive. "When are the kids coming home?" "Don't bother me. I've already exercised/showered/brushed my teeth today."

She's lost weight. She's never hungry and eats once a day. She starts the day with left knee pain, ends the day with back pain. Our food is too salty, too cold, too sour. She's up at night tinkering with things.

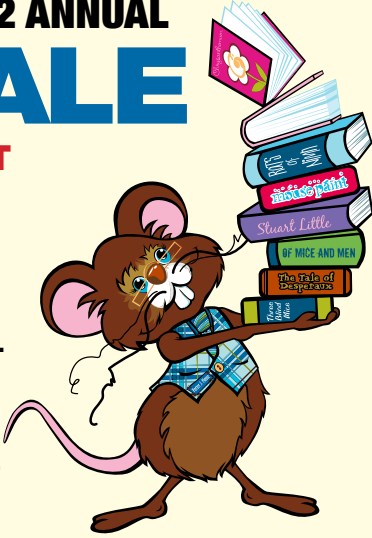
I microwave her orange juice, turn on TV when she eats. Because I worry more about her deconditioning than her weight loss, daily exercise is our new religion. Once a week, my brother, his family and our family join in on FaceTime and cheer loudly.

When I get creative with our exercises, Mom gets creative with her comments, "Maybe you find a horse to torture?" But she hangs in there.

Yesterday, she got up four times from the chair by herself. *Rock me, Amadeus!*

Months ago, I'd never have thought dementia would give me a second chance with Mom. ●



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THE DIGITAL WORLD

Are you a SmartPrinter?

by TAK SATO

Last week I was reminded of a joke which goes: "A printer consists of three main parts: the case, the jammed paper tray and the blinking red light." I first heard this 30 years ago and it is still pertinent in 2022.

Recently, many seniors have sought my recommendation for printer procurement/replacement candidates as inventory improved. I answer them with a question: How much do they print and how often?

I explain to them that printer ownership is like car ownership thus comes with recurring costs. Purchasing consumables, like toner/ink cartridges and paper, needs to be budgeted. It's similar to changing the oil and buying gasoline to drive a car. To top it off, the blinking yellow light on a printer is akin to the check engine light glowing on your dashboard.

If they answer just "occasionally," I ask them if they have kept up with what our libraries have to offer. Westlake Porter Public Library's current posted printing rates are 10 cents per black-and-white page and 15 cents per color page. These rates, in my opinion, are good alternatives to printer ownership. Similar rates await Cuyahoga County Public Library patrons at the Bay Village branch. These rates, in my opinion, are good whether you own a printer or not. It gets better with the cherry

on top: both WPPL and CCPL patrons get up to \$1 of *free* printing per day!

PSA: Please practice Internet Street Smarts when doing this. If your print job includes any PII (Personally Identifiable Information) such as birth dates, Social Security numbers, account numbers, etc., be sure that only you get your printouts or find other means to print documents with PII.

For printer ownership, I mostly recommend a black and white laser printer, or AIO ("All-In-One") if your use case requires scanning too, that uses a toner (dry) cartridge instead of ink (wet) cartridges. Why? My personal opinion is that color ink cartridges get to be expensive even when color inkjet printers themselves are cheap and replacement color toner cartridges can cost more than your initial cost of a color laser printer. When you need color prints, I will take advantage of the library rates or big box office stores.

But what about printing pictures? If you want to print your digital pictures like the good ol' film days, i.e. on archival photo paper instead of show-and-telling on a dinky little smartphone screen, color printer ownership capable of finer detailed prints together with special photographic papers and toners/ink will increase cost of ownership. However ...

The good ol' days of printing your pictures at your pharmacy are alive and kicking and the service has kept up with the times. You can easily upload your pictures to pharmacy websites (I use both CVS and Walgreens) or online printing storefronts (I use Snapfish and Shutterfly) to print, enlarge, create photo books, and other gift items that you can touch/hold.

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Fall colors in BAYarts' gallery

by KAREN PETKOVIC

“Paper and Printed Landscapes,” an exhibition by artist Carmen Romine, reflects the natural pigments and textures found in nature. The exhibit, on view now through Nov. 4 in BAYarts' Sullivan Family Gallery in the Fuller House reflects the warm fall colors now surrounding us in the park.

Growing up in rural Medina, Romine finds inspiration from natural surroundings such as simple shapes of soil lines in a field, water currents, and the natural pigments in wildflowers. She creates abstract landscapes from paper and botanical materials by using a variety of fiber art methods. The compositions range from atmospheric prints to sculptural pieces that become accumulative, rhythmic, drifting and ultimately dream-like.

“I view these creations as metaphorical landscapes that emphasize the ephemeral beauty in nature and question humanity's relationship with its changing environment,” Romine explained.

A graduate of Cleveland Institute of Art, Romine's practice focuses on concepts of sustainability and developing methods of artmaking inspired by the process in traditional fiber art. In 2020, Romine was selected as one of the 10 participating artists for the

“Paper Routes: Women to Watch” exhibition held in the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery – an exhibition in partnership with the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. Her work has been collected by various businesses and residential clients throughout Northeast Ohio. In addition to her practice, she makes handmade books through her craft business known as, “Tree Fibers,” and occasionally teaches fiber and book art workshops.

The Sullivan Gallery is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.; or by appointment. ●



Carmen Romine's nature-influenced work at BAYarts.

Check out your health at Porter Library's health fair

Westlake Porter Public Library invites the public to attend their annual health fair on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 1-3 p.m. The fair will include health screenings, a program about decluttering, information from various health groups, and a prize drawing.

“Declutter Your Mind and Space” will take place from 1-2 p.m. Chris Lotenero and Peg Shumate will show attendees how to organize, declutter, simplify and discover what is truly important in life. Registration is required for this session – please visit westlake-library.org/events to do so.

Available health screenings will include vision screenings, hearing screenings, and blood pressure & stroke risk assessments. All screenings will be done on a drop-in basis – no registration necessary. In addition to the screenings several area health-related organizations will be on hand to meet and talk with attendees. Organizations committed at print time include:

- Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County
- Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center
- Connecting for Kids
- Farrell Foundation
- Great Lakes Health & Wellness
- Meals on Wheels
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program
- Survivors Teaching Students
- The Gathering Place
- University Hospitals Community Outreach
- Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

In addition to the program, screenings and health organizations, attendees will also have an opportunity to register to win a Garmin VivoFit 4 Activity Tracker. For updated health fair information please visit the library's website (westlakelibrary.org) or follow the library on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. ●

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Jhelysse Anthony, Bay High School '23

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Tam Cummings, Ph.D., Gerontologist
Author, *Untangling Alzheimer's: The Guide for Families and Professionals*

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Questions can be directed to VirtualSeminars@promedica.org

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Westlake Porter Public Library's upcoming calendar of events

Following is Westlake Porter Public Library's upcoming 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.

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesday, Oct. 18 (2-3 p.m.) **Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion** – This month's title is "The Hour of the Witch" by Chris Bohjalian. A limited number of books are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Please register.

Thursday, Oct. 20 (4-5 p.m.) **Break-out! Zombie Laboratory** – This break-out challenge is going to test your ability to work together. Solve all the clues and save the world from the zombie apocalypse! For grades 7-12. Please register.

Friday, Oct. 21 (4-5 p.m.) and Sunday, Oct. 30 (2-3 p.m.) **Brick Builders** – Do you love Legos? Then bring

your ideas and imagination to Brick Builders! Bricks provided. No registration required, but room capacity is limited. First come, first served. Ages 5-12.

Saturday, Oct. 22 (2-4 p.m.) **Read With a Witch** – Drop in and ask to read with the "witch" in Youth Services. For children birth through age 6 with a caregiver.

Sunday, Oct. 23 (2-3 p.m.) **Come Play With Me** – An open playtime for children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome! No registration required but room capacity is limited. First come, first served.

Monday, Oct. 24 (4:30-5:30 p.m.) **Westlake PTA Reflections Creation Session** – Work on your Reflections Art Competition piece during this creation session. Art supplies will be available. Grades K-12. Please register.

Monday, Oct. 24 (2-3:30 p.m.) **3D Printing Orientation** – In order to use the library's 3D printer, you'll need to take this orientation first. Learn

library policies about using it, how to download a 3D-printable object, and how to prepare it for a great print. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 25 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Internet and Email Basics with Introduction to Northstar** – Learn the basics of the internet, using email, and how to access Northstar Digital Literacy for self-paced online learning. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 25 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Phil Bova: Throwing Back the Chair** – Local legend and Westlake resident Phil Bova joins us to discuss his book "Throwing Back the Chair." Bova was a Big 10 basketball referee for 30 years and officiated March Madness for a staggering 20 straight years. Book signing included in his program. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 25 (7-8 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: Kate Quinn** – Join us online for a captivating conversation with historical fiction writer Kate Quinn, as she discusses her newest release, "The Diamond Eye," and her other works. Streamed live. Please register.

Wednesday, Oct. 26 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) **Discovery Box (Sign-Up)** – For teens in grades 7-12. Register for WPPL's per-

sonalized subscription box service by Oct. 26 and pick up your Discovery Box on Nov. 2.

Wednesday, Oct. 26 (7-8 p.m.) **Monsters are Universal: Silver Screams in Hollywood's Golden Age** – Join us for a night of thrills and chills and old-school monsters, presented by Mark Dawidziak and Sara Showman. Please register.

Wednesday, Oct. 26 (7-8 p.m.) **Adult Creative Writing Group: Autumn Edition** – Join us for an hour of creative writing prompts to inspire you to start and keep writing. This meeting will focus on autumn-inspired writing prompts. Please register.

Friday, Oct. 28 (4-4:30 p.m.) **Read It, Make It @ the Library** – Make a craft based on a story that is read aloud. Grades PreK-1, siblings are welcome. Registration begins Oct. 21.

Sunday, Oct. 30 (3-4:30 p.m.) **Tri-C Ghost Hunters: Insights into the Unknown** – Take a trip into the world of ghosts, spirits and hauntings with speaker, author and investigator Greg Feketik. Please register.

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



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Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Information

The Bay Village Service Department provides residents (sorry NO commercial businesses please) the opportunity to drop off household hazardous waste items for disposal at the Service Department at 31300 Naigle Road on certain dates.

Household hazardous waste drop off dates for later fall/early winter, 2022 are:

Friday, October 28	7:30 am to 3:00 pm
Friday, November 18	7:30 am to 3:00 pm
Friday, December 16	7:30 am to 3:00 pm

The following items will be accepted for drop off:

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| ✓ Oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers or coatings (aerosols or liquids) | ✓ Pool chemicals |
| ✓ Varnishes, polyurethanes or shellacs | ✓ Oils and grease |
| ✓ Paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine | ✓ Automotive fluids |
| ✓ Pesticides, herbicides or fungicides | ✓ Adhesives, roof tar or driveway sealer |
| ✓ Caustic household cleaners | ✓ Kerosene, gasoline or lighter fluid |
| | ✓ Mercury |

Additional items accepted during this quarter:

- ✓ Computers and Electronics
- ✓ Political Signs accepted during the November drop off.
- ✓ Christmas Light Strands accepted during the November and December drop off.

The following is a list of items that WILL NOT be accepted for drop off:

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| × Latex Paint - NO Latex paint will be accepted - please follow guidelines for disposal at www.cuyahogarecycles.com | × Batteries, household or automotive |
| × Explosives, gun powder, ammunition, flares | × Smoke detectors |
| × Medical waste, pharmaceuticals, medicine, sharps | × Fluorescent tubes and Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL's) |
| × Asbestos | × Business or commercial waste |
| | × Bulk drop off is not available this quarter |

For items not accepted or listed above, please check the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's website (www.cuyahogarecycles.com) for information on proper disposal. Contact the Bay Village Service Department at 440-871-1221 or check the city website (www.cityofbayvillage.com) for assistance with any additional questions.



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Update to Westlake Porter Public Library renovations

by ELAINE WILLIS

Westlake Porter Public Library held a ceremony on Monday, Sept. 24, to commemorate the ground-breaking of its new outdoor programming pavilion and the refurbishing of study and collaborative spaces in its Adult Services section.

Site work has begun on the approximately 2,000-square-foot outdoor programming pavilion which will provide additional space for all types of programming and events. Improvements to the Adult Services area include remodeling three existing study rooms, adding two new small group study rooms which can accommodate up to four people each, improved lighting, new carpet, and new furnishings. Both projects are expected to be completed by mid-November of this year.

The projects are a result of a strategic and space planning process the library completed in 2021, including feedback solicited from the community during public sessions and through surveys. The construction costs of approximately \$900,000 will be paid for from the library's Permanent Improvement Fund, which are funds specifically set aside for projects such as these, and \$110,000 received in donations, including

a generous contribution toward the pavilion from the Friends of Porter Public Library in honor of their 50th anniversary.

The library previously announced that the cost of the Adult Services area renovation was to be offset by donations from two donors. However, one of the donors rescinded their donation due to a naming rights matter that could not be resolved.

"While we are disappointed to have lost a generous donation, we remain committed to the upgrades and improvements to the library and will continue to look for ways to offset the renovation costs," said library Director Andrew Mangels.

Other projects the library is working on this fall include converting the former café into a makerspace and opening the second floor to the public. A dedicated makerspace will bring together the library's collection of maker resources, including the 3D printers and file transfer machines (VHS films and slides into digital format) as well as adding new services such as an A/V recording booth and equipment for craft cutting and making custom T-shirts.

Project updates and progress can be found on the library's website, westlakelibrary.org, and social media channels. ●

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Rossini's trio added excellent finale to FYI Opera

by JEAN SMITH

Music was in the air on Oct. 10 at Westlake Porter Public Library as the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council (W-WAC) presented FYI Opera. Jonathon Field, director of Oberlin Opera Theater, provided commentary and historical text to the performance. Performers Clara Dahmer, soprano; Chris Leimgruber, tenor; and Alan Rendzak, baritone; were accompanied by

Music Director and pianist, Kyung-Eun Na. After each singer performed an aria, the performance ended with a trio from Rossini's "L'Occasione fa il Ladro," one of his early one-act farces. The talent and professionalism of these students is outstanding. The W-WAC is delighted to partner with Oberlin College to bring this performance to the Westshore communities. Oberlin Opera Theater will present one-act operas by Offenbach and Rossini on campus Nov. 10-13. FYI Opera is one of the programs presented by the W-WAC annually. W-WAC is extremely proud to bring programs of this level of talent to the Westshore communities on a regular basis, free and open to everyone. Community support, through program attendance and by joining W-WAC, is greatly appreciated. Please visit www.w-wac.org for more information. ●



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Jonathon Field, Kyung-Eun Na, Alan Rendzak, Clara Dahmer, Robert Pearl (W-WAC President), and Chris Leimgruber at FYI Opera.

Backyard visitor by Thomas Winczek



A mature white-tailed deer enjoys a day of napping and snacking in a Bay Village backyard.

Westlake heron by Deborah Arcaro



A heron at Clague Park in Westlake.

Meals on Wheels hosting Night At the Races

by BROOKE O'DONNELL

Meals on Wheels invites the community to a Night at the Races on Saturday, Oct. 29, at Wagner's of Westlake. The event is a first for Meals on Wheels and will raise money to support its mission of providing meals to the homebound in the five communities of Bay Village, North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township, and Westlake. The evening will feature horse racing, sideboards, and a wide array of silent auction baskets. Doors open

at 6 p.m., and the event will end at 11 p.m. All community members are invited to attend and enjoy an evening with friends and family and support a great cause. Attendees are invited to wear Derby attire or Halloween costumes, and prizes will be awarded for the best costume! Marie Patten-Blatter, Executive Director, is excited to welcome the community to the event. "This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with supporters, volunteers, and others who recognize the impact Meals on Wheels has on its recipients and their family members. We

are passionate about those we serve and want to celebrate with all who help in our mission." Meals on Wheels depends upon the financial support of the community and local businesses, as well as volunteers to deliver vital nutrition and a mid-day safety check Monday through Friday. Tickets are \$40 and include heavy appetizers and desserts. To purchase tickets, visit westlakemealsonwheels.org/upcoming-events.php. To donate to the Silent Auction or for more information, please call 440-871-2551. See you at the races! ●

**Columbia Park
Charity Craft Show**
Saturday, Oct. 22
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Columbia Park Social Hall
7100 Columbia Rd, Olmsted Twp
Admission: Can/bag of cat food

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Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6:45-8:30 p.m.
CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER, OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Margaret Lynch, Ph.D., presents "Irish Immigration to Cleveland." Dr. Lynch has served as part-time executive director of the Irish American Archives Society (IAAS), since 2008. IAAS, in connection with the Western Reserve Historical Society, has the largest repository of materials for ethnic studies in northeast Ohio.
Bay Village Branch Library, 27400 Wolf Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
COLUMBIA PARK CHARITY CRAFT SHOW
Admission: Can or bag of cat food. The charity we are supporting is the Columbia Park TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) Program. This program helps keep the feral cat population down in nearby neighborhoods. Please come support this worthy cause, as well as the great vendors that will be selling their wares!
Columbia Park Social Hall, 7100 Columbia Rd., Olmsted Township

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 6-7 p.m.
VILLAGE GREEN PUBLIC MEETING
The City of Bay Village intends to apply for a grant to construct the Village Green on Wolf Road between the new library and City Hall. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend to learn more about the Village Green. You can also submit questions and comments to Project Manager Kathryn Kerber at 440-899-3412 or kkerber@cityofbayvillage.com.
Bay Village City Hall, 350 Dover Center Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 27, 5 p.m.
WALK FOR AMY
The Walk for Amy event is an annual event that started during the Covid year 2020. Approximately 60 people showed up on a cold, rainy day to pay tribute to Amy Mihaljevic. Last year, over 325 people attended the event including the Chief of Police and other dignitaries from the city of Bay Village.
Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 29, noon-2 p.m.
BOO VILLAGE
Starting at Bay Village Square, monster march up Dover Center to the Dover Commons Shopping Center and the Knickerbocker Apartments. After the march, kids can go through the line of seniors at the Knickerbocker to collect candy, and take part in other festive activities!
Bay Village Square Plaza, Wolf Road

Sunday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.
'DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE' FILM WITH EERIE ORGAN MUSIC
Combine the showing of the 1920 silent film horror classic, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," with eerie pipe organ improvisations by Music Director Dave Blazer and you have a recipe for a spooktacular Halloween event! The event is free and open to the public.
West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River

Monday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.
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