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Town Criers announce Mr. and Mrs. Westlake 2023



Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough (left) stands with the Applegate family as they celebrate the recognition of Harry and Nancy as Mr. and Mrs. Westlake 2023.

The Westlake Town Criers crowned Harry and Nancy Applegate as Mr. & Mrs. Westlake 2023 during the Dec. 4 tree-lighting ceremony at Westlake City Hall. The Applegates were recognized for their enthusiastic support and involvement in various activities and organization within our community.

Harry is a longtime member of the West-

lake Kiwanis Club and the Westlake Town Criers. He has been actively involved with Westlake City Schools and was a high school softball coach for many years. Nancy was an elementary school teacher for 22 years and volunteered at Westlake City Schools in countless ways including field trips, lunch room volunteer, team potlucks, room mother and PTA.

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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

A quick and dirty guide to survive this winter

by DIANA PI, M.D.

The respiratory bugs are piling up.

Last month, it was RSV; now it's flu. COVID is surging again. But they're just the leaders of the pack; there are many others. People, especially with young children, may feel like they're chasing one runny nose after another.



Children share
their favorite
family traditions
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To make our lives easier:

First, I want to put one question to rest, "Can you tell what infection I have based on symptoms?"

No.

And COVID is the only virus you can test at home. You need to call doctors to get tested for flu or RSV. At-home flu tests are not FDA approved.

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CARTOON BY MEGAN STEWART

Bay Village Education Foundation awards grants

by KAREN MISCIAGNA

At the Nov. 21 Bay Village Board of Education meeting, the Bay Village Education Foundation presented three grants worth nearly \$3,000 to three teachers within the Bay Village City School District.

The three teachers awarded grants are Ron Rutt, Technology Teacher at Bay High School; Jennifer Carney, Grade 3 Teacher at Westerly Elementary School; and Colin Lackey, Intervention Teacher at Bay Middle School.

"After a 2-year hiatus due to COVID, the Bay Village Education Foundation was excited to once again offer competitive grants to enhance the education of students in Bay Village Schools," said Lisa Napoli, chairperson of Bay Village Education Foundation's Grants and Scholarship Committee. "This year's grant recipients are great examples of the innovative ways that Bay teachers make learning fun. The Bay Village Education Foundation is pleased to support such projects."

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THE GREEN REPORT

Don't let your holidays be bad for the earth

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

It is estimated that between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, household waste increases 25 percent. I want to share some easy ways to reduce waste, and help make your holidays earth-friendly!

PARTIES

If you are hosting a holiday meal or party at your home, please use real dishes, napkins, silverware and glasses. Your choice to use "real stuff" will not only drastically reduce the waste your party will generate, but guests will appreciate eating and drinking out of real items. In my opinion, eating Christmas dinner off of a

plastic or paper plate with a plastic fork and knife is just not the same.

If you're thinking, "But I don't have enough stuff for all of my guests!" I have an idea for you: Head to a thrift store and pick up the extra items you need. Believe me, they do not need to match your existing sets and adding in items that don't match provides a trendy shabby-chic style to your party, in my opinion.

A few years ago I went to Savers and purchased a bunch of extra glasses. They come in handy for larger gatherings, and it's nice to offer guests a real glass to drink out of. They ran me about \$1 per glass.

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GUIDE *from front page*

Knowing which virus you have matters if you belong to the high-risk group (see cdc.gov/flu/symptoms for CDC definitions of “high-risk group” and “emergency warning signs” for flu). The treatments for COVID and flu are different, and the earlier you start the better the outcome.

COVID can be treated effectively by Paxlovid (free pills). When it came out last year, I was a believer: data showed Paxlovid reduced COVID hospitalization by 90% in the *unvaccinated* and 50% in the vaccinated. These are good outcomes.

Weeks ago, COVID struck my family. My 89-year-old mother, who has frailty, stroke, dementia, and high blood pressure, came down with the sniffles and tested COVID-positive. She was started on Paxlovid within the hour. Mother suffered congestion for a day – and woke up the next day like nothing happened. (For full disclosure, she’s fully vaccinated.) Since then, I’ve been a rabid devotee of Paxlovid.

For flu, we have four drugs. The least expensive, Oseltamivir, is generic Tamiflu (GoodRx price for a 5-day treatment starts \$14). All require prescriptions and are best taken within 2 days of symptoms. Drugs can cut your symptoms by a day – and might reduce the incidence of severe complications.

Next, about the flu vaccines, there’s good and bad news.

Good news first: During the flu

season, different types of flu viruses hit at different times. A flu vaccine typically covers 3 to 4 strains. So far this year, the vaccine hit the bullseye for the first two flu strains, which are responsible for 99% of infections. Data shows it reduces hospitalization by 50 percent. This may change in the next weeks or months, but today is a good day.

More good news: For those over 65, CDC recommends any of three hyped-up flu vaccines that provide additional immunity.

Bad news: Vaccine lethargy is affecting flu vaccination. Those over the age of 65 account for 90% of hospitalization from flu, yet only 1 in 6 have received the flu vaccine.

When is a good time to get the flu vaccine?

Yesterday.

Flu season is in full swing. After vaccination, it takes over 2 weeks for our body to develop combat-ready immunity. That said, if the flu season is going and you’re going, it’s never too late.

Finally, if you’re sick – stay home. CDC recommends those with certain warning signs (see the website above) for immediate medical care. If you belong to the high-risk group where early treatments matter, test yourself for COVID first, then call your doctor. It saves a step.

I have a new way of saying “I love you” – “I’ll drive you to get your COVID booster and flu shot today.” ●



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DEMON DISPATCH

Resilience drives Westlake students into the new year!

by DR. SCOTT GOGGIN
Superintendent,
Westlake City School District

Resilience. What does it mean to be resilient? For me, it is the ability to strive to find solutions to meet the demands of our top-tier school district. For an athlete, it's taking on adversity head-on and preparing for what comes next on the field of play. For students in the classroom, it could be hours of studying for a test in a difficult subject. How we respond to these situations proves how resilient we can be.

A resilient Westlake student perseveres, adapts during times of adversity or stress, and confronts uncertainty with courage and strength. They show tenacity in pursuing their goals, despite obstacles and challenges they may face.

As we wind down the first semester, students and staff have repeatedly demonstrated their ability to succeed in times of personal or profes-

sional difficulty. They've found new ways to learn, evolve, flourish, and achieve remarkable things. I know their grit and strength will carry them through the rest of this school year and beyond.

Taking on this long winter headfirst, we can use this holiday season to join our families, friends, and loved ones to reflect on our past year's experiences. Many of us may be surprised to realize how much we've gone through as individuals, educators, and a community. This upcoming break is the perfect opportunity for you to rest and recharge – ready to take on the new year by storm.

I am so grateful for the resilience I have witnessed in 2022 and the positive example we've set for our students and each other, reminding us all that we have the capacity for incredible things. When we work together to help each be successful, anything is possible. I am very optimistic about what the future holds for Westlake City Schools! 🌟

BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Nomination deadline for Bay Citizen and Project of the Year is Jan. 16

by TARA WENDELL, president of the Bay Village Community Council

The Bay Village Community Council reminds residents that the nomination deadline for Bay Village Citizen and Project

of the Year honors is Monday, Jan. 16.

Download a nomination form for Citizen of the Year or Project of the Year at wbvobserver.com, or pick up a hard copy from City Hall or the Bay Village Branch Library. Completed forms may be submitted via email to tara@wbvobserver.com or

mailed to Bay Village Community Council, 350 Dover Center Road, Bay Village, OH 44140.

Citizen of the Year nominees, either individual or couple, must be Bay Village residents that have provided significant community service without monetary reward. Special projects will be considered for Project of the Year based on community impact and the involvement of volunteers and organizations.

For more information about the Bay Village Community Council or the Citizen of the Year/Project of the Year awards, please email tara@wbvobserver.com. 🌟



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Patrick McGannon, left, is presented with a proclamation as the 2022 Bay Village Citizen of the Year by City Council president Dwight Clark last July.

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HOLIDAYS

from front page

I have them boxed up in the basement, so this year I'll just pull out the box and use them again! You can also buy inexpensive dishes and silverware at thrift stores.

Another idea is to purchase a few casserole dishes at a thrift store that you can use if you are bringing food to share at a party ... that way you can leave it there and not worry about getting it back. Casserole dishes at thrift stores are not expensive and will run you only a bit more than disposable ones.

FOOD

Please purchase locally grown and/or organic food when possible. Locally grown and raised food reduces the carbon dioxide emissions from shipping foods in. Purchasing organic foods reduces the need for pesticides and toxic chemicals, and every time you do this, you "vote" for organic foods with your dollars. These chemicals, when used on conventionally grown items, are not only detrimental to your health, but they enter the soil, which eventually runs off into rivers and lakes.

This time of year it is not as easy to find locally raised produce, but it's still available. I have seen it at both Heinen's and Whole Foods in recent weeks.

Furthermore, purchasing food and other items in bulk when possible reduces packaging waste (reducing your waste) and also saves you money. Also, please remember to bring your reusable shopping bags when shopping for the holidays! This is a simple step you can take to drastically reduce your waste.

It is estimated that 28 billion pounds of edible food is wasted each year. This is equivalent to more than 100 pounds per person. If you

are hosting holiday gatherings, it is important to estimate the correct amount of food to purchase so you don't end up with too much or too little. And don't forget to freeze any leftovers you have to use later!

TRAVEL

There are simple steps you can take to reduce your carbon footprint if you are going to be traveling for the holidays. The first would be to turn off the lights in your home before you leave, and make sure your thermostat is turned down as well. It is also a good idea to have your car checked to ensure proper inflation of tires and that the air filter is clean; these actions will reduce carbon emissions if you are traveling by car.

CLEAN-UP

When cleaning your house either before or after a holiday gathering, consider using non-toxic cleaners. Vinegar and newspaper works extremely well for windows, and baking soda with water is a great tub and sink scrub. Simple, non-toxic cleaner recipes are very easy to find on the internet.

DISPOSING OF WASTE

If you compost, please continue to compost even during this busy time of year. If you haven't already, check out Bay Village's new composting service with both east and west side locations (bayvillagegreenteam.org/waste/drop-off-food-waste-composting). And last, but certainly not least, please make sure you recycle everything you are able. Plastic bottles and jugs, beer cans and bottles, wine bottles, food cans, etc. are all recyclable. If you have a question about certain items, go to cuyahogarecycles.org to find out how to properly get rid of them. And please remember, if you follow even just a few of my suggestions, your individual actions will make a difference!

I wish you all a very green and happy holiday season. ●

BVEF GRANTS

from front page

The Bay Village Education Foundation works to support, promote and fund programs created by students, faculty and staff in the Bay Village City School District. The programs encompass all areas of the public school curriculum and provide an opportunity to enhance enthusiasm for learning.

"We are grateful to have such a wonderful partnership with the Bay Village Education Foundation," said Scot Prebles, Superintendent of Bay Village City School District. "Our teachers will put these funds to great use to create additional learning opportunities for our students."

The Bay Village Education Foundation was established in 1985 by a group of Bay Village community leaders and parents in order to support creative programs in the Bay Village City School District. Since its inception, the Foundation has distributed more than \$250,000 in total grant funding. The Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit organization run by an elected, all-volunteer board of trustees. To learn more or to make a donation, please visit www.bayedfoundation.org.

Grantee: Ron Rutt, Technology Teacher
School: Bay High School
Project: Epilog Fusion Maker Rotary Attachment
Award: \$1,595

Summary: An Epilog Fusion Maker Laser is being purchased for use in CAD (computer aided drafting) courses at Bay High School. This device will enable students to transform their CAD designs into physical objects. The rotary attachment being funded by this grant enables engraving onto cylindrical objects such as tumblers and glassware. This attachment will expand the Fusion Maker's potential by providing students with an opportunity to create Bay-themed gifts, which could be sold in a real-world context.

Grantee: Jennifer Carney, Grade 3 Teacher, Westerly Garden Club Advisor
School: Westerly
Project: Westerly Courtyard Update



Jennifer Carney, left, a teacher at Westerly Elementary School, is congratulated by Bay Village Education Foundation's Lisa Napoli. Carney was one of three teachers in the Bay Village City School District awarded a grant from the foundation.

Award: \$700

Summary: In the last year, the Westerly courtyard has been given a much-needed renovation through the removal of overgrown plants and new plantings. In addition to enhancing the school grounds, the courtyard is used by the Westerly Garden Club. Funds from this grant will be used to purchase materials to create a raised garden bed so that students in wheelchairs can plant seedlings and pull weeds. Funds will also be used to purchase materials to create a sundial, rain gauge, bird feeders and birdhouses.

Grantee: Colin Lackey
School: Bay Middle School, Intervention Teacher
Project: Culture and Food Festival
Award: \$600

Summary: Funds from this award will be used to purchase foods from different cultures to be used by the eighth-grade intervention specialist in connection with his Cultures curriculum. Funds will also be used for the end-of-the-year International Festival, which allows students to demonstrate everything they have learned throughout the school year, while working in groups to create a presentation for visitors. ●

LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Where do animals go in the winter?

by LAURA DORR, Wildlife Specialist

Many types of birds (including retiree snowbirds!) migrate south for the winter. While most of us would prefer to spend the cold months in a tropical climate, many Ohio residents, human and animal, ride out the snowy season at home.

Non-migratory animals have developed numerous adaptations to survive through chilly weather. Some, like deer and eastern cottontail rabbits, continue their business as usual, grazing for food but growing thicker coats and finding sheltered places to stay warm. Many of the animals you see during the summer, such as snakes, chipmunks and woodchucks, are conspicuously absent in winter. Where do they go, if they are not heading for warmer climates?

SNAKES

Since snakes are cold-blooded, their body temperature depends on the temperature of their environment – which means bad news for snakes when the snow starts falling. To stay warm, snakes hunker down in dens called hibernacula. Snakes create hibernacula in holes in the ground, burrows of other animals or even a warm niche in your garage or basement.

Once they find a cozy space, snakes enter a state called brumation. Their body temperature lowers and their metabolism slows down so they do not need to eat. While they are awake, snakes become very slow and sluggish. They may emerge from their hibernacula on warmer days to sunbathe and warm up, but for the most part will spend the winter underground.

CHIPMUNKS

You may have experienced



A chipmunk stocks up on acorns for the winter.

chipmunks raiding your bird feeder all summer, but they were not doing it out of spite – they were stocking up food for the long winter months. Chipmunks need these food stores because they do not hibernate fully. They enter something called torpor, where they essentially sleep very deeply for several days at a time.

During these periods, their heart rate slows from around 350 beats to four beats per



PHOTO BY JEFFREY SPICER

Woodchucks, also called groundhogs, hibernate during the winter.

minute, and their body temperature can drop to 40 degrees. When they wake, it is critical for them to have sufficient food stores, because chipmunks rely on meals rather than fat reserves to survive the winter.

WOODCHUCKS

While snakes and chipmunks slow down, woodchucks hibernate completely. Much like chipmunks, their heart rate slows, their body temperature drops and they are incredibly difficult to wake. Unlike chipmunks, once a woodchuck is asleep in its underground burrow, they stay that way all winter.

Woodchucks do not wake up to eat or drink, and survive on fat stores they built up in the warm months. Our local woodchucks are currently hibernating and will not reemerge until February. Over that time, their body weight will drop by about 30 percent, so expect to see thin woodchucks in the spring!

While animals have adapted well to our cold weather, they occasionally do need assistance. If you find an animal that you believe to be injured or ill, please contact the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center at 440-871-2900 or wildlife@lensc.org before intervening. ●

WESTLAKE SENIOR & COMMUNITY SERVICES

The benefits of intergenerational programs

by LYDIA GADD

The topic of generational differences often sparks conflict, igniting good-natured sparring between baby boomers and millennials. Sometimes the sparring isn't so good-natured. Diversity training, however, teaches us to understand and then appreciate each other's differences. This appreciation of the differences is much more beneficial than the sparring.

There is, in fact, great value to bringing different generations together intentionally. The benefits can be experienced on an individual level as well as on a community level. Especially during difficult times when people need to feel a sense of belonging, positive intergenerational interactions can provide a much needed boost.

Older adults can gain a renewed sense of purpose when sharing their experience and skills. Younger generations can reimagine aging, thereby face their own aging more positively. For everyone involved, new skills can be learned and negative stereotypes dispelled.

As the director of the Westlake Community Services Center, I frequently see and hear the generational biases, and in some cases watched them transform. Some of our older adults expressed that

they gained a greater respect and understanding of teenagers after working with a group of them on an intergenerational senior prom dance last spring.

The energy and enthusiasm brought by our youth was contagious. Our youth were equally impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of our older adults. Everyone agreed that this needs to be an annual event!

Through partnering with the Westlake Council of PTAs, and Westlake Schools, our Center has been able to build an ongoing intergenerational programming piece in our Plus Fifty calendar of events and activities. Our most recent activity had 50 middle school youth walk over to our center to share Cocoa, Cookies and Conversation with our seniors.

The room was lively with laughter and conversation as our guests shared different Christmas traditions with each other. Activities were planned to help prompt positive conversations, but they really weren't needed. A great time was had by all.

Many more intergenerational experiences are on deck for 2023. Our January and February Pathways newsletter,

which can be found at www.cityofwestlake.org/community-services, lists three such opportunities: Intergenerational Family Feud, Mind the Gap (a trivia game) and chair volleyball. The first two activities are with our high school-aged Youth Advisory Board, and the chair volleyball is with the Dover Intermediate School service club.

We are also anticipating more artwork and decorations from the local elementary school children, who decorated pumpkins for us in the fall and made place mats thanking our veterans in honor of Veterans Day. After our recent

Christmas luncheon, patrons were sent home with homemade cards and ornaments made by these youngest scholars. One of our patrons wrote back stating how much she loves having the homemade pictures to post on her refrigerator, stating that it reminds her of the "magic of Christmas." Her own children are grown-up and grandchildren live far away.

To find out more about these and other Plus 50 programs at the Westlake Community Services Center, visit our city's website, www.cityofwestlake.org, or better yet, drop by and ask for a tour. We are located right next to the Westlake Recreation Center. Our address is 28975 Hilliard Blvd. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. You do not have to be a Westlake resident to enjoy our activities. ●



Westlake students enjoy cocoa and cookies with seniors.

PHOTO BY MARY KALASSAY


TOWN CRIERS

from front page

For more than 35 years the Westlake Town Criers have selected a Mr. and Mrs. Westlake from nominations submitted by the community. Nominees are selected based on their dedication to service of the Westlake community.

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Westlake & Bay Village students share their favorite traditions

For the Observer's annual last-issue-of-the-year feature, students from Mrs. Jenny Larcey's first-grade class at Westlake Elementary School and Mrs. Julie McArn's first-grade class at Normandy Elementary School in Bay Village share favorite family traditions.

Mrs. Jenny Larcey's first-grade class at Westlake Elementary:

Do you want to learn about Christmas traditions? My favorite tradition is decorating the tree! The day after Thanksgiving we love decorating the tree. Do you want to know why it is so fun? We spend it with our FAMILY! Every year we take turns putting the star on the top. We listen to Christmas music when we decorate. When the tree is all decorated we turn off the lights in the house and turn on the Christmas tree lights ...WOW!

- Josie

Have you ever tried spaghetti before? My family has a special recipe. You should try it! My family and I eat spaghetti every Thursday. Sometimes I put vegetables in my spaghetti. Sometimes I put in meatballs. Then we go to my aunt and uncle's house and my cousins and I play a game we made up called, "Families." We take turns being the mom, sister and baby. Thursdays are the best days in my family!

-Nuha

Do you know what Eid is? Eid is a type of holiday when you will see family and friends. You will go to the mosque to pray and after you will go home to change your clothes. Then you will go eat breakfast with your family and friends. After that when everybody has left, you will go shopping for toys. This is my favorite family tradition!

- Jude

What season has a lot of snow and lights with gifts? Christmas! My favorite tradition is seeing the Christmas lights on Seabury Avenue. A bunch of houses decorate with Christmas lights. We walk down Seabury with Aunt Marie, Calvin, and Uncle Mark. We use blankets and heat pouches because it is cold. We walk under arches of lights. Trees have snowy ice lights drooping down with icicles on top. Christmas is the best season!

- Henry

Do you exchange white elephant gifts? We do this is on Christmas. I do it with my aunts, uncles and cousins. Everyone gets a silly gift and we play a game to exchange presents. It is so special because it is always so much fun to see the gifts.

- Colin

Do you like going on vacations? Well if it's far you go on a plane, if it's close you go in a car. My family goes on a trip to a different place in December. We go because my mom's birthday is on Dec. 31. We have gone to Spain and California. This year we are going to France. I love these trips with my family because I like being with my family and seeing new places.

- Kaira

My favorite family tradition is driving around to see Christmas lights. We wear pajamas and bring cocoa in the car. We have a Grinch contest to see how many Grinches we can find. We see so many pretty lights. The pretty colors are red, blue, yellow, green, pink and white. We usually do it two weeks before Christmas. It's a time to be together, not working but having a good time. Time to get in the car ... vroom vroom!

- Natalie

Do you decorate for Christmas? My family puts my tree up after Thanksgiving. Then I decorate my house. After I decorate inside my house then we decorate the outside. My mom puts up the decorations. The last decoration is lighted greens on the porch. Decorating for Christmas is lots of fun!

- Olivia

"Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree, Oh how I want to see you." Every year my family gets a Christmas tree from a tree farm. When we get home we put it up in our house. Then we decorate the Christmas tree with ornaments and colored lights. My dad puts the angel on top. Now you know how the Dutts decorate our Christmas tree. It's my favorite family tradition.

- Hudson

Do you want to learn about spring gardening? Well you're in luck because I know how to garden. My mom and I love to garden together. You can grow a pretty pink flower and strawberries too. You can grow so many things in the garden. Someday I'm going to be a spring gardener like my mom!

- Lilah

Have you ever looked for sea glass? I have! "What is sea glass?" Good question. I'm gonna teach you about this shiny rock. We do this fun activity in winter or summer break. We have a growing collection of sea glass that reminds us of our special trips to the beach. It is an exciting and fun tradition in my family! Now comes the best part ... we take it home and set it out and admire our treasures of the day!

- Carter

Have you ever celebrated Eid? On Eid morning we go to the masjid. A masjid is another name for mosque. We pray at the mosque. After we pray we meet our friends and family. Then we go to nice places like the zoo

or the park or the playground. When we are done we get gifts and sometimes we get money. Other times we get candy! Then we go to restaurants and buy food. After we're done we might even get some dessert. Eid is so much fun.

- Talia

Have you ever been to brunch with Santa? You eat a lot of food. There are omelets, mac and cheese and fruit. There are crafts, cookie decorating and of course visiting Santa. Brunch is on a weekend in December. This tradition is special to my family because we get to spend a fun day with our family.

- Easton

Boom! Boom! Listen to the fireworks go. It must be Diwali! I celebrate Diwali with my family. We light the candles. My parents buy dresses on Diwali and surprise me! They buy it online. It is in October. This starts off the festival season for us. We mostly eat lots of food. This is my favorite tradition.

- Rani

Have you ever heard about Hanukkah? Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday. Hanukkah comes in November or December at sundown. Hanukkah has eight nights. We eat potato pancakes called latkes. We light a candle called the menorah every night. We give presents to our family! Hanukkah is a joyful holiday.

- Andrew

Have you ever celebrated Diwali? Diwali is the festival of lights. It is at the end of October or beginning of November based on the Hindu calendar. We light firecrackers. We make a rangoli. A rangoli is a sand design that we make on Diwali. We pray to God. And then we listen to some Indian sing along music. Diwali is a fun time to celebrate our family and friends and pray for their health and happiness!

- Avni

Have you ever opened presents from Santa? They are full of joy. If you are bad you will get coal. If you are good you will get a gift on Christmas Day. You might get so many presents they will fill your living room! I hope you learned something about my favorite family tradition.

- Scout

Do you know about Chinese New Year? Chinese New Year falls in January or February every year. There is food and red envelopes with money and cleaning and decorating. The decorating is probably with Chinese decorations. It is mostly about sharing. And in busy streets in China there are Chinese New Year festivals. Xīnnián hǎo (新年好) or New Year Goodness to you and your family!

- Aaron



Have you ever celebrated Diwali? Diwali is a special tradition in my family. We wake up early, take a shower and get dressed in new pretty clothes. Then it is time to go to the temple to pray. In the evening we decorate our house with lights. Finally we light firecrackers. Diwali is so special because all of our relatives come together!

- Kayal



Do you have a pickle ornament? This is a special tradition in my family. Every year I get to hide the pickle. We start playing "Hide the Pickle" during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. I like this because it is so hard but it's fun to find it. If you have one you can do it too!

- Will

Mrs. Julie McArn's first-grade class at Normandy Elementary School:

Every holiday Christmas I think we invite our aunts and uncles to my house. Sometimes I think we play a game. And we also have some friends like my cousins over. We play sometimes. I think that's all that I can remember.

- Anthony



Me and my mom set up the tree together. The next day is Christmas and we open our presents. We visit my grandma and grandpa and eat breakfast. I love pancakes and waffles and eggs.

- Andre'

Our tradition is setting up the Christmas tree and putting decorations on it. We go to the Santa shop. We buy presents for mom, dad, two grandmas and two grandpas. That's it.

- Ari

I like to help decorate the tree. I like to help my family put on the ornaments. We also open presents when my mommy and daddy wake up.

- Abigail

The day before Christmas, I like to bake cookies together. I like to find my Elf too. Last year, Peppermint was tangled up in the lights above our dining room table. The next day she escaped! She is so sweet.

- Annika



On Christmas morning, I wait on the stairs with my sisters Lucy and Charlotte until everyone is awake. Then my mom and dad tell us we can go downstairs. Then, we find Freddy our Elf and then we open presents. It is so much fun.

- Clara

On Christmas Eve we go to our grandma and grandpa's. We eat dinner and a huge brunch then open our presents and stockings. Stockings and presents are the best!

- Elise

My favorite thing is to get my Christmas tree. We cut it down. When we get home, we put it up. I love our colored lights.

- Kelsey



We open our presents on Christmas day then we go to our grandparents' house and bake cookies. The best part about baking cookies is we get to eat them after we are done.

- Ella

I go to this Christmas place with my family to get a tree. We get to play hide and seek around the trees. It's so much fun!

- Hunter

We put up the tree and me and my mom help decorate it. My brother and I help put the ornaments on the tree. We open presents after everyone is ready. I am not good at waiting.

- Josie



We actually do a lot of stuff. First thing everyone comes in like my family and cousins and all that. Then, we open presents. Lots and lots of presents. It looks like a swimming pool of wrapping paper where the kids jumped into it.

- Lily



We bake cookies every year. We go to a store and go shopping for stuff like lights and stuff. And, we go to my uncle's house and play some games. That's the end.

- Mikey

We like to decorate our three trees and watch my Elf do some tricks. My favorite trick was he hung toilet paper from the ceiling and put socks in my jacket!

- Mya

I get to see Santa every year. This year he stopped on the road behind our house and gave all the kids candy canes.

- Margaret



I go to visit my dad's house. We wake up early and open presents. Then I go to my mom's. We put up the tree. I wake up early to see my Elf. My Elf is crazy. He likes to hang onto the lamp with one hand. It is so funny.

- Preston

We go to a tree farm and pick a tree. Then we go home and decorate it. I do this with my grandma at my house. It is fun.

- James

Every holiday at Christmas I get a big tree and we decorate it. We put it in water so it doesn't die. After we do it we put our Christmas train around the bottom. Sometimes we have to put the train up high so my baby brother doesn't get it.

- Mario

We all go to my grandma's house. My grandma and cousins give us presents. We all decorate my grandma's tree too.

- Nora

I put Christmas lights on the Gingerbread house. Gingerbread is a decoration on the table.

- Liam



Every season has a reason to gather with family and friends



DIGGING DOVER – BAY VILLAGE

Some Gates Mills connections

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

It has been one year since my wife and I moved from Westlake to Gates Mills to be closer to grandchildren. As a parting gift to Bay Village, I have been working on preparing a walking tour of Lake Road with Bay Historical Society member, Dean Brennan. She and fellow Historical Society member Tom Phillips have faithfully staffed the Osborn Learning Center (located in the Reuben Osborn house next to Rose Hill) on Sundays for a number of years. Dean had assisted me with a booklet on Bassett Road century homes and has been cajoling me for years to do something similar for Lake Road.

This past summer I identified and photographed over 100 century buildings

and “artifacts” on or near Lake Road in Bay Village. “Artifacts” include the Huntington estate mounting block and water tower and the piers in Huntington Park that used to support one of the Interurban trestles.

The target date for publishing it is 2025, so homes likely constructed in 1925 or earlier may be included. The plan is to do a short (150 word) Observer article on each of the sites, publish them in the Observer with a photograph and then the Bay Village Historical Society can compile them together into the walking tour which would begin and end at Rose Hill. My plan is to start with the oldest building or artifact and work forward to 1925. Therefore, I set my sights on doing the first article about the Reuben Osborn house.

This brings me to the second connection between Bay Village and Gates Mills – Tom Phillips. Tom, a lifelong resident of Bay Village and 2019 Citizen of the Year, is a direct descendant of Holsey Gates, the founder of Gates Mills.

It is my understanding that Tom Phillips was instrumental in saving the Reuben Osborn house and having it moved to its current location next to the Cahoon house at Rose Hill in Cahoon Park. It is the oldest existing frame structure between the cities of Cleveland and Lorain. It was threatened with demolition because of its former prime lakefront site.

Thankfully the owner, a builder who was planning to build a new home on the site, the city administration at the time and the Bay Historical Society were willing to move it to save it. Except for the tiny possibly circa 1810 smoke house behind Rose Hill, it is the oldest known existing structure in Bay Village.

Over the past year I have become acquainted with Marcia Anselmo, the president of the Gates Mills Historical Society. Like Bay Historical Society's president Cathy Flament, she is a former teacher and a dedicated organizing

dynamo, getting Gates Mills records and artifacts preserved properly. She helped me personally scour the primary source records of the Gates Mills Historical Society and along with records I found on Ancestry.com, I can confirm unequivocally, that Holsey Gates was Tom Phillips' great-great-great-grandfather.

Holsey's 1834 home later became an inn and then the home of the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club. It seems that Tom inherited the same civic mindedness of his ancestor who built the first church and the first school in Gates Mills. ●



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St. Christopher's-By-The-River Episcopal Church, Gates Mills, Ohio, constructed 1853 by Holsey Gates as a Methodist Church.



Circa 1835 Holsey Gates home, converted first to the Maple Leaf Inn and then to the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club.

WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Portables gift shop is closing

by ELAINE WILLIS

The Friends of Porter Public Library regretfully announces the closing of our volunteer-run library gift shop Portables. It has become increasingly difficult to manage Portables on a volunteer basis and, unfortunately, the economics do not support a paid position to take over management of the shop.

Portables Gift Shop will have a Going Out of Business sale, beginning Jan. 2, 2023; the shop will offer a 50% discount on all items from Monday, Jan. 2, through Sunday, Jan. 8. The discount percentage will increase weekly until closing, either Jan. 31 or when all items are sold, whichever comes first.

Portables Gift Shop, started by Sharon Didion, has been in business

since 1993. It has generated over \$600,000 in profit which has been given to the library. The shop carries jewelry, apparel, candles, greeting cards, and hundreds of unique gifts.

Manager Barbara Gauthier encourages holiday shoppers to visit and says, “Please stop by and say goodbye while sharing your memories of Portables with us. We appreciate your support over the years and will miss seeing all of you. Thank you from all of us.”

The current Portables space will become the new location for the Friends' used bookstore, the Book Nook. The bookstore will open in the new location as soon as renovations are completed; until then, used books, DVDs, and CDs will be available in the current Book Nook location and on its \$1 shelves in the library lobby.



Portables Gift Shop, run by Friends of Porter Public Library volunteers, has generated over \$600,000 in donations for the library since 1983. It will be closing in January 2023.

The Friends of Porter Public Library would like to sincerely thank Portables Gift Shop customers for their patronage

and deeply thank the dedicated staff of Friends members who have volunteered their time and support over the years. ●

WESTSHORE LIONS CLUB

Supporting the less fortunate

by KEVIN BARRETT

In the spirit of the season, the Westshore Lions Club will be accepting new and gently used winter coats for Coats For Kids. Please join us on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7

p.m. in the Dover Room at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, for some holiday treats and a presentation on services for homeless youth.

Carey Gibbons, Youth Engagement Manager of the Northeast Ohio

Coalition for the Homeless, who works with gay homeless and the wider community, will discuss the array of services available to a diverse population of homeless youth in need.

If you can't bring a coat that evening, the Coats For Kids donation container will be in the lobby of Porter Library through early January.

For additional information, please call the Westshore Lions at 440-250-5564. ●

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THE DIGITAL WORLD

Lost & found, redux

by TAK SATO

Earlier this summer, I wrote about using the "Find My Device" app for Android smartphones/tablets and "Find My iPhone" app for iPhones/iPads and Mac computers on a borrowed device to locate your missing smartphone/tablet.

In a nutshell, when the "Find My Device" switch (found under the "Security" subcategory in the "Settings" app) or when the "Find My iPhone" switch (selectable once you click your name at the top of the screen in the Settings app of the Apple device)

is enabled before your smartphone/tablet goes missing, your chances of locating your missing device increases. I can't stress this enough: please do not practice vigilantism if you were a victim of theft; hand over the location information to the authorities and let them handle it.

Like my friend in that summer article, my wife also occasionally misplaces her eye glasses or smartphone. Yes, her smartphone! I find this funny as smartphones have become ubiquitous, so much so that we treat them as one of our bodily appendages – LOL. Come to

think of it, if smartphones were one of our bodily appendages, they provide many functions through hundreds of available apps while an organic appendage like a hand singularly provides limited functionality comparatively.

Upon rereading that article, I see that I had omitted an easier way my friend could have located his \$1,000+ iPhone while on vacation. Instead of telling him to look everywhere for his iPhone in his hotel room after verifying the approximate location, I could've instead more easily "led" him to his misplaced phone, thereby saving us time. But how could I have led him to his misplaced iPhone?

These two apps, as well

as the websites google.com/android/find or icloud.com, include the option to signal the device to play a loud sound. The app/website will also force the device to play a sound even when the phone is set to vibrate or to silent mode. This is exactly what my wife asks me to do for her so she can locate her misplaced smartphone easily!

Also, there is another very important functionality that the apps provide in case you can't find your missing smartphone/tablet. Although writing-off a smartphone, tablet, a Chromebook, or an Apple computer is painful, the information on your device and/or the information stored in the cloud (aka internet) that can be reached via

the missing device, should be considered priceless. So if you are "sure" that your device is unrecoverable, to minimize the risk of your PII (Personally Identifiable Information) falling into the wrong hands, these apps let you execute what I call the "nuclear" option. The nuclear option, when executed, erases all data on the missing device.

This is also a good time for me to remind you to set a screen lock on your device, if you haven't already, as the first line of defense when your device goes missing. Remember that the information on the device and/or the information in the cloud that the device can get to, is priceless.

Better to be safe than sorry. ●

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.

Friday, December 23 (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 Dec. 16.

Saturday, Dec. 24-Monday, Dec. 26 – **Library Closed for Christmas Holiday**

Wednesday, Dec. 28 (7-8 p.m.) **Adult Creative Writing Group: Holiday Edition** – 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 register.

Thursday, Dec. 29 (2-4 p.m.) **Jewelry Junction: You and Me Necklace Making** – Have fun making a necklace with your tween(s) and/or teen(s). This class is for 1 adult with tween(s) and/or teen(s). Registration begins Dec. 15.

Saturday, Dec. 31 (11:15 a.m.-noon) **Countdown to Noon!** – Join us for a special New Year's Eve family storytime! We'll make a simple craft and do our own early countdown to 12 (noon). Ages 3-5. Registration begins Dec. 23.

Saturday, Dec. 31 – **Library Closes at 5 p.m.**

Sunday, Jan. 1 – **New Year's Day: Library Closed**

Monday, Jan. 2 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) **Teen Craft Pick-Up** – A New Year-themed take-home craft kit for teens in grades 7-12. Registration begins Dec. 26.

Tuesday, Jan. 3 (1-2 p.m.) **Vision Boards** – What do you want to do in 2023? Volunteer, get a job, start a new hobby? Creating a vision board puts all your dreams, goals, and aspirations directly in front of you. For adults with disabilities. We will be cutting images from magazines and gluing on boards. No experience necessary. Registration begins Dec. 27.

Wednesday, Jan. 4 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Horror Film Club** – Join us for another

creepy classic from the Vault! New members are welcome, but children under 13 must be with an adult. Please register.

Thursday, Jan. 5 and Monday, Jan. 16 (1-7 p.m.) **American Red Cross Bloodmobile**

Friday, Jan. 6 (4-5 p.m.) and Sunday, Jan. 15 (2-3 p.m.) **Brick Builders** – Do you love Legos? 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.

Saturdays, Jan. 7, 14 and 21 (10:30-11 a.m.) and Wednesdays, Jan. 11, 18 and 25 (7-7:30 p.m.) **Family Storytime** – Join us for rhymes, songs and play! For families with children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome.

Saturday, Jan. 7 (2-3 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: Namina Forna** – Join us for an action-packed conversation with New York Times-bestselling author of "The Gilded Ones" series to discuss her second installment, "The Merciless Ones." Streamed live. Please register.

Sunday, Jan. 8 (2-3 p.m.) **Come Play With Me** – An open playtime for children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome!

Monday, Jan. 9 (9:30-10 a.m.) **My First Winter** – Celebrate your baby's first winter by creating a winter-themed canvas art piece together! For babies 0-18 months with a caregiver. Registration begins Jan. 2.

Mondays, Jan. 9, 23 and 30 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) **Teen Lounge** – Need a place to hang after school? Come to WPPL's Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! Video games, board games, snacks and more!

Monday, Jan. 9 (7-8 p.m.) **Veganuary: What's It All About? Reasons to go Vegan: Steps to Take and Tips** – What does it mean to be vegan and why would you want to become vegan? Come to hear a panel discussion from several individuals who choose to live a vegan lifestyle. Discover their whys and hows. Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 10 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Tuesday Evening Book Club (In Person AND Virtual)** – Join us to discuss "The Complete Maus: A Survivor's Tale" by

Art Spiegelman. The discussion will be held in person and on Zoom simultaneously. Please register. If you register for the Zoom option you will receive a Zoom invitation and instructions by email.

Wednesday, Jan. 11 (4-4:45 p.m.) **Ready, Set, Kindergarten** – Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to rotate through skill stations in preparation for making the big leap into Kindergarten. Registration begins Jan. 4.

Wednesday, Jan. 11 (7-8 p.m.) **Cookbook Discussion: Talk About Your Favorite Recipe!** – Pick a cookbook from our library shelves, and bring a dish to share! This meeting will focus on Chinese cuisine! Please register.

Thursdays, Jan. 12 and 26 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) **Roblox Arcade** – 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. Join us in person or online. Registration begins one week before each session.

Thursday, Jan. 12 (6:30-7:15 p.m.), Friday, Jan. 20 (11-11:45 a.m.) and Saturday, Jan. 28 (11-11:45 a.m.) **Adapted Storytime** – Join us for this storytime designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime. Content is geared toward ages 3-7. Registration begins one week before each session.

Thursday, Jan. 12 (7-8 p.m.) **Thursday Night Book Discussion** – "Unlikely Animals" by Annie Hartnett. The group meets the second Thursday of odd months. Participants will need to obtain their own copies of the title.

Friday, Jan. 13 (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 Jan. 6.

Saturday, Jan. 14 (10 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m.) **Creating Cell Phone Photos You Love, Part 1 of 2** – Learn from a professional photographer how to have more control of your cell phone camera by using available settings, tips and tricks. Registration begins Dec. 29.

Saturday, Jan. 14 (1-2 p.m.) **Pokémon Fun!** – This will be a time to view and trade cards, do a craft (if desired), and play a Pokémon Bingo game. Feel free to bring your cards! Ages 6-11.

Sunday, Jan. 15 (2-4 p.m.) **Anime Club** – A great club for anime and manga lovers! All otaku and newbies welcome! Grades 7-adult.

Monday, Jan. 16 (1-2:30 p.m.) **True Crime Book Club** – "American Sherlock: Murder, Forensics and the Birth of American CSI" by Kate Winkler Dawson. Please register.

Monday, Jan. 16 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Investors Interest Group** – An advisor from Szarka Financial will be discussing an issue relevant to today's economic climate. Please register.

Monday, Jan. 16 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Design 3D-Printable Objects with Tinkercad** – Design 3D-printable objects with Tinkercad's website, and after they're printed, you can pick them up at the library! (This also counts as a 3D printing orientation). Registration begins Jan. 9.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Computer Basics with Introduction to Northstar** – Learn how to turn on a computer, use a mouse, go online and access Northstar Digital Literacy for self-paced online learning. Registration begins Jan. 10.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 (2-3 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: Dana K. White** – You're invited to start your new year calm and collected by learning to become better organized and clutter-free with Dana K. White as she shares tips from her new book, "Organizing for the Rest of Us." Streamed live. Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 (4:30-5:15 p.m.) **STEAM Club: Snowflake Science** – Join Mrs. K as we explore the science of snowflakes and states of matter. Discoveries will be made through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home project. Grades 1-2. Registration begins Jan. 10.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 (6-8:30 p.m.) **HeartSaver CPR/AED** – Get certified for adult, child, and infant CPR and AED. Class led by certified instructors from UH St. John Medical Center. Visit uhems.org/event-search to register. Email account required. Participants under the age of 14 must have a parent or legal guardian in class. If any questions, contact the instructors at uh4cpr@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 (7-8 p.m.) **Young Adult Book Club** – "Maus" by Art Spiegelman. Those unable to attend in person can join us simultaneously via Zoom. Please register. Books available in Youth Services.

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



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POETRY

Peace

by **GEORGE RYAN**

A prayer I say is:
Peace is flowing like a river;
Flowing out of you and me;
flowing out into the desert;
Setting all the captives free.
Yet why is there no peace in so many countries
Like the Ukraine, Syria, Venezuela, Mali and other
places in the world?
Why is there no peace in the USA, so many
factions in both major political parties,
No peace in some families.
Each one of us has the duty, the necessity, to
bring peace wherever and whenever we can.
Let us all work on it.
It is desperately needed.

READER'S OPINION

Have yourself a merry little Christmas

by **COLLEEN HARDING**

It's holiday time again. For some, it's the most wonderful time of the year. For others, it is not. It comes with loneliness and sadness from memories of past Christmases. For some, it can be rough, but it can also be turned around and changed.
They call Christmas the season of giving. If you focus on the "giving" part, it can be a terrific time. I have a friend who shall remain nameless, who does something nice for someone else whenever she is having a bad day. It changes the path of the day.
I used to work for a lady that would go home and write down 100 things she was thankful for whenever she was having a bad day. I was stunned that she could find 100, but she did it. She was usually happy, and I wondered what her secret was.
Most happy people focus on other things when they get sad. They try not to sit in a situation that makes them unhappy for too long. They think about getting out of the mindset and feeling better. They think about others and how they can turn things around. Happiness is a choice.

I agree sometimes it's hard to choose joy, but it can be done.
If you have children, teach them how to pull themselves out of a rut. We all go through tough times and emotional peaks and valleys. No one is exempt. The next time life gets tough, encourage a random act of kindness or send them outside to bring in a neighbor's garbage cans. Encourage them to hang out with someone new. Have a conversation with an adult, a real conversation that includes eye contact. Volunteer someplace where they can see how others live. Take the focus off of themselves and invite them to recognize how blessed they are.
This holiday instead of being true to yourself, presenting the best version of yourself, and focusing on what you have or don't have, do something for someone else and think about how it felt. Taking care of ourselves is short-lived. Feels good for a minute, but it doesn't last. Then we look for another way to take care of ourselves to continue the feeling, and it's exhausting. Visit with a senior. Allow someone to go in front of you at the grocery store or on the road.
Taking care of others comes with a good feeling that lasts longer. Merry Christmas. ●



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Christ Church Westshore moves to Avon Lake

Christ Church Westshore has moved into its permanent home after purchasing the former Ahern Banquet Center located at 726 Avon Belden Road in Avon Lake. The new location is easily accessible, and the congregation looks forward to serving the Westshore community for many years.

“We can’t imagine a better location to gather as a congregation and be a blessing throughout west shore of Cleveland. Being located on the border of Avon Lake/Avon provides wonderful access to the local population, bolsters our local partnerships such as Community Resource Services (CRS), The Salva-

tion Army, Young Life, and Cornerstone Pregnancy Center,” said The Rev. Gene Sherman, rector.

Bishop Mark Engel of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes consecrated the building at a special service on Dec. 17. Christ Church Westshore began Sunday services on Dec. 18.

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion and discipleship, meets needs of the local community and provides cultural renewal to the Westshore and the world. ●

READER'S OPINION

The burden of being right

by FRANK PATTERSON

The burden that comes with being right all of the time is a heavy load to carry, not just for yourself, but for people around you as well. Being right all of the time is not a likable characteristic, in fact it is off-putting. It's a dark one-way road often heading in the wrong direction.

Unfortunately, we are seeing people's need to be right more and more every day. People arguing on planes, with fast food employees and with police. The need to be right has become ugly.

What is behind all of the arguing? The perception or feeling that you have to have everything your way. It's counterintuitive, but being right doesn't always make you feel better.

You can try some of these responses and see how it makes you feel: "sorry, it won't happen again," "my fault" or "I totally understand." Most of the time not having to be right stops an argument before it even starts. Being wrong might actually be the right thing for you! ●

Art exhibit at the Farrell Foundation

by GAIL NORRIS

The Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health's Center for Artful Living, located at 26633 Detroit Road in Westlake, will host an exhibit of artist Jim Carney's work through Jan. 31, 2023, on Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Carney, a Cleveland native, was an attorney and then was involved in Cleveland real estate. He studied briefly at the now closed Cooper School of Art and attended classes on and off at the Cleveland Institute of Art until the early 1990s, when he set aside his brushes for about 25 years.

His love of art and desire to paint was rekindled in 2019, when he attended a landscape-painting seminar held by a well-known artist.

After that, he replenished his paint and canvas supplies and more seriously took up painting again. Initially he painted in oils but migrated to acrylics to improve the quality of his paintings.

Carney also turned to YouTube to learn how to paint everything from water droplets to the universe. Almost nightly, he watched a clip or two on YouTube about painting. In early 2021, he discovered pastel painting on YouTube and found himself submerged into using that medium. Recently, he has been painting with both acrylics and pastels.

The Center for Artful Living provides an opportunity for all to enjoy the artwork of a variety of professional artists from northeast Ohio, in a smaller and comfortable setting especially well suited for individuals affected by cognitive brain health issues. ●

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